

Dissension hits Palestinian ranks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The apparent decision by three senior members of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks to resign is being seen here as reflecting deep divisions between the Palestinian leadership in the territories and Palestine Liberation Organization officials in Tunis.

At the same time, the crisis is also being viewed by some as a tactical maneuver designed to pressure Israel into negotiating directly with the PLO.

Palestinian officials here and in Amman said Sunday that Faisal Hussein, Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erekat had resigned and were on their way to Tunis for direct talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Passing through Jordan on their way to PLO headquarters, the three would not comment directly on the reasons behind their resignations.

Instead, Ashrawi would only say, "There are serious internal Palestinian issues that have to be addressed, and they will be addressed in a responsible and discreet manner. It's time to discuss these issues very frankly internally."

Among the first Israeli officials to react to the announcement was Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who expressed the hope Sunday that they would not resign after all.

Sarid warned that the continuous weakening of the PLO and its representatives in the territories would jeopardize the peace process and would create a political vacuum that would be filled by Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement in the territories.

Sarid said the crisis reinforced his view that Israel should deal directly with the PLO.

But in various interviews Sunday he refused to confirm reports that he had met last month with Nabil Sha'ath, a close ad-

viser to Arafat. The report was confirmed Sunday by Mahmoud Abbas, a senior PLO official.

The official reason for the impending resignations of the three negotiators was to protest their "becoming messengers without giving consideration to their own views."

According to some reports, Palestinian sources say the dispute concerns the Palestinians' written reply to the U.S. draft of a declaration of principles designed to provide guidelines for the peace negotiations.

Arafat is said to have been ready to show flexibility on the broad outlines of the declaration, but was reluctant to accept the Israeli proposal for an early granting of autonomy in the territories.

The local leaders, led by Faisal Hussein, on the other hand, wanted to go ahead with a gradual Palestinian takeover of responsibilities in the territories, while continuing the negotiations with Israel over major issues such as Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the territories.

Hussein's views have become more and more unpopular, especially since the official head of the delegation, Haidar Abdel-Shafi, has become more hard-line and practically pulled himself out of the talks.

Along with Abdel-Shafi, representatives of the People's (Communist) Party and the Democratic Front have boycotted the talks, leaving the more moderate Al Fatah faction of the PLO alone on the negotiating scene.

These growing internal difficulties are seen by some as the main cause of the resignations.



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A soldier inspects the damage caused by a Katyusha strike in Kiryat Shmona. [IPPA photo]

Jews in a Changing World

AIDS

A Jewish Problem?

*CJN reporter
Stephanie Chapman
takes a look at how the Jewish
community is handling this
fatal disease. Second of
a two part series.*

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Volunteer Stephen (Shmuel) Stolero's "caseload," which totals over 30, includes six adult hemophiliacs, eight children and seven women. All are Orthodox Jews and all have been diagnosed HIV positive or with AIDS.

These startling figures, from just one person's files, indicate just how broadly the AIDS virus has affected the Toronto Jewish community. They also end the argument that the community does not need to get involved with the disease because the number of cases does not warrant founding various programs.

What these figures do not reflect is the true number of Jews who have been affected.

"All the Jewish people I'm involved with, the ones with kids, won't take the chance to talk to you about it. They're terrified. Just the secrecy they live in. And the women who are married with HIV — what they go through. How do I put it? They're very much afraid. They don't know what to do or how to do it," Stolero says brokenly while he tries to put into words the thoughts that

constantly plague those who suffer from the disease.

Stolero has been working with HIV and AIDS patients since he returned to Toronto from a Miami yeshiva almost two years ago. His first contact came through his work as a volunteer for the Jewish Distress Line.

At that time, Stolero was approached by a boy who had tested positive for HIV. He soon discovered that no programs existed that could help Orthodox Jews cope with HIV or AIDS.

"When I first got involved, they thought I was infiltrating their [Buddy] program at Holy Blossom because an Orthodox boy comes in dressed like this," he says with a smile, gesturing to his frum outfit.

Stolero's first Buddy was an Orthodox homosexual teenage boy. When he died, Stolero realized that there were more Orthodox Jews "out there" who were HIV positive.

Next month, Stolero, together with the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), hopes to begin a program for the Orthodox community.

"Many people have said they want to do it in

a more religious setting. Even Holy Blossom doesn't like the idea that all the AIDS people are coming to Holy Blossom because they don't want to be known as 'the AIDS shul'."

"A lot of people I've been involved with don't want to go to Holy Blossom because they don't want their children to have to sit in a support group or be involved with people who are homosexual, because they're not. I realize a large percentage of people who have AIDS did not [contract the disease] through homosexuality."

"I'm also involved with Sick Kids. There are kids there who got it through breast feeding. A lot of the kids who have it are hemophiliacs. There are 20 hemophiliacs in the city who are Jewish — about five or six of them are Orthodox with HIV."

Among his female clients are a few married women with children who contracted the virus during an extramarital affair. "It's very awkward," Stolero says.

"What's worse is that everyone has their own request for support groups. The mother of a child with hemophilia wants to be involved with chil-

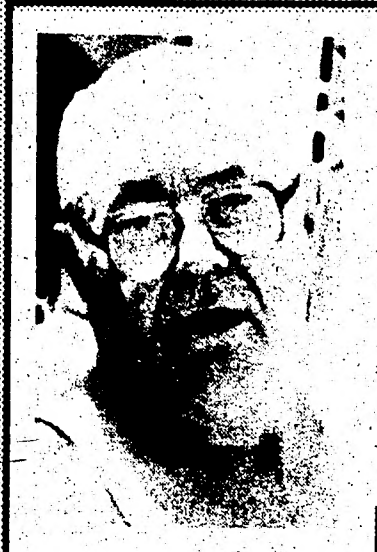
dren who got HIV or AIDS through blood transfusions. I have people who only want to have support groups with people who are HIV through homosexuality. Some, only through [heterosexual] sex. Everyone has their own request."

"What I have found out is that it's growing. One of the biggest fears, not just in the Jewish community or the Orthodox community, is confidentiality. People are terrified."

Stolero is going to try to match people who are HIV positive or have AIDS with an Orthodox Buddy. It is important, he says, to establish a support group in a traditional setting because even some who are not religious want this type of environment for comfort when they are sick.

In an article that Stolero wrote for the Toronto Federation newsletter in February of this year, he said, "It has been my observation that we lack an essential ingredient here: compassion in our community; caring about people; treating them with dignity and not ridicule." Today, five months later, Stolero says this still has not changed.

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He also stated in that article that he "had a lot of help (limited as it was) from a few rabbis". "In defence of the rabbis, their understanding of AIDS is limited. They are as helpful as they can be in their understanding of it. People who have AIDS are not going to go and talk to their rabbi so quickly," Stolero says of that comment today.

When Stolero speaks, there is frustration in his voice. "The women who are HIV — they would never in a million years think of going to their rabbi. It's just not going to happen. These are Orthodox women. One of them said to me, 'What's he going to say to me?'"



Stephen Stolero

"What I do realize is that it's eventually going to blow up because people who have got it or who are eventually going to get [AIDS] — ones who are HIV positive — will eventually be known."

"I just feel bad for the community at large when it happens."

Community organizations largely follow the AIDS policy established by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. A Federation task force was formed in the spring of 1992 to address the issue from "a Jewish communal perspective."

The document follows the Ontario Human Rights Code as far as non-discrimination in employment, confidentiality and the protection of others is concerned.

Taking things a step further, the Federation states that it will be its policy that the distinctive Jewish values of Bikkur Cholim (caring for the sick), Pikuach Nefesh (saving a life) and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) will be guiding principles.

The task force has taken precautionary measures to ensure that Federation volunteers will be protected by the same anti-discrimination laws that are extended to employees. This policy also applies to affiliated institutions and agencies with their students, care recipients and volunteers.

The Federation also states that it is committed to encouraging every agency, affiliate organization, synagogue or temple to adopt this policy or establish one of their own.

For the most part, organizations have opted to follow this policy but there are a few exceptions.

Pauline Clein, principal of United Synagogue Day Schools (USDS), Bayview campus, says they have established their own AIDS policy for staff and pupils. Although she was reluctant to reveal details of the policy, Clein called it "one that is humane." She adds that USDS is addressing the disease in the classroom as part of the curriculum in grades 7 and 8.

Sheldon Freidman, principal of general studies at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), says his school has not formulated a policy.

"No one has identified a need but when we do [establish a policy], it will take a compassionate, Jewish approach to the situation."

Freidman adds that the topic has been discussed in the curriculum in health class at the junior level and in Jewish studies in Grade 12.

Netivot HaTorah Day School follows the Ontario Human Rights Code policy. As well, AIDS education is being touched upon in health classes in all grades.

Arthur Landa, executive administrator of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, says that AIDS is officially being taught in Grade 8. The course is being taught as set down by the Ministry of Health in physical education classes. He adds that Associated has adopted the Federation's

AIDS policy.

To date, these schools have had no reported cases of HIV or AIDS.

While AIDS education is being addressed in the schools, some think not enough emphasis is being placed on the disease.

"Education is really important. The only reason you can't talk to anybody is because they don't know what they're dealing with. The automatic reaction is fear. They think if they're in the same room with you, they're going to catch it. That's fear and ignorance, thinking that somehow you're going to contract this thing. They need education," says Rebecca (not her real name).

Rebecca knows the stigma attached to being HIV positive first-hand. She was diagnosed with the disease in January of this year.

"With this disease, it becomes very judgmental simply because it doesn't seem to have hit a lot of mainstream people," Rebecca says, adding that those who are affected aren't coming forth.

Having contracted the disease through her ex-husband, Rebecca agrees she is an innocent victim who "was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"You don't expect the man that you're married to is going to put you at risk. If you would say to me today, 'What would you do differently?' I don't know. I guess if I had a crystal ball, I suppose you don't marry that person you'd married but who knows that?"

"I never was a drug user — I've never taken drugs in my life — I'm not a homosexual. I don't think there is anything so bizarre about my lifestyle."

"What would I do differently? I don't know. It's the same for people who got it through blood transfusions — the wrong place at the wrong time."

"I am very, very, very angry. I think if I were to see my ex-husband, I wouldn't be responsible for my actions."

Raised as a Conservative Jew, Rebecca's first thought was to turn to the community and her synagogue.

"I certainly haven't found that there are a lot of special things in the Jewish community to deal with this. I haven't felt that they were particularly well-connected with this issue," she says, adding that other than the small group at Holy Blossom, the programs aren't there.

When she was first diagnosed, Rebecca was advised not to tell her rabbi because the shul's reaction to HIV or AIDS patients had been far from supportive in the past.

"That's sad because that's exactly where I should be able to go. I guess the next question

is 'Is there a problem with the community?' And, how do they know the numbers don't warrant the services?" If somebody tells you you're going to be badly treated — you're already beaten up — the last thing you want is rejection from anywhere. So, you don't tell! You don't take the risk. I think the rabbis ought to be taking a different look at this thing."

In addition to her abandonment by her spiritual community, Rebecca says much of her anger and pain has come about because of the treatment she received from her physician.

"My family doctor told me I was HIV over the phone, if you can imagine. She sent me to a specialist who was not any more hopeful. The specialist drew me a picture and said, 'Well, it looks like you've got about four years to live if you take AZT. If you don't, you have two.'"

"Traditional medicine treats this so clinically, and actually quite inaccurately, in a lot of cases. I have not found any sympathy in the traditional medical system for people with this disease," she says, adding that Dr. Donna Keystone, a Toronto doctor who works with the Holy Blossom AIDS program, stands out as an exception.

"I think they are very uncomfortable not being able to be God-like. They don't have the answers and they're not trained not to have the answers. They also know, and it's true, that most of their patients will die. They feel the necessity to distance themselves."

Genevieve McMath, clinical assistant in the Clinic for HIV Concerns at Mount Sinai Hospital, points out that the hospital does have HIV-related services. She says the services are available to Jewish patients as well as the general community and no specific programs exists for Jewish patients alone.

McMath says the hospital has established "a mutual referral system" with the Holy Blossom AIDS programs. Patients who would benefit from such services are referred.

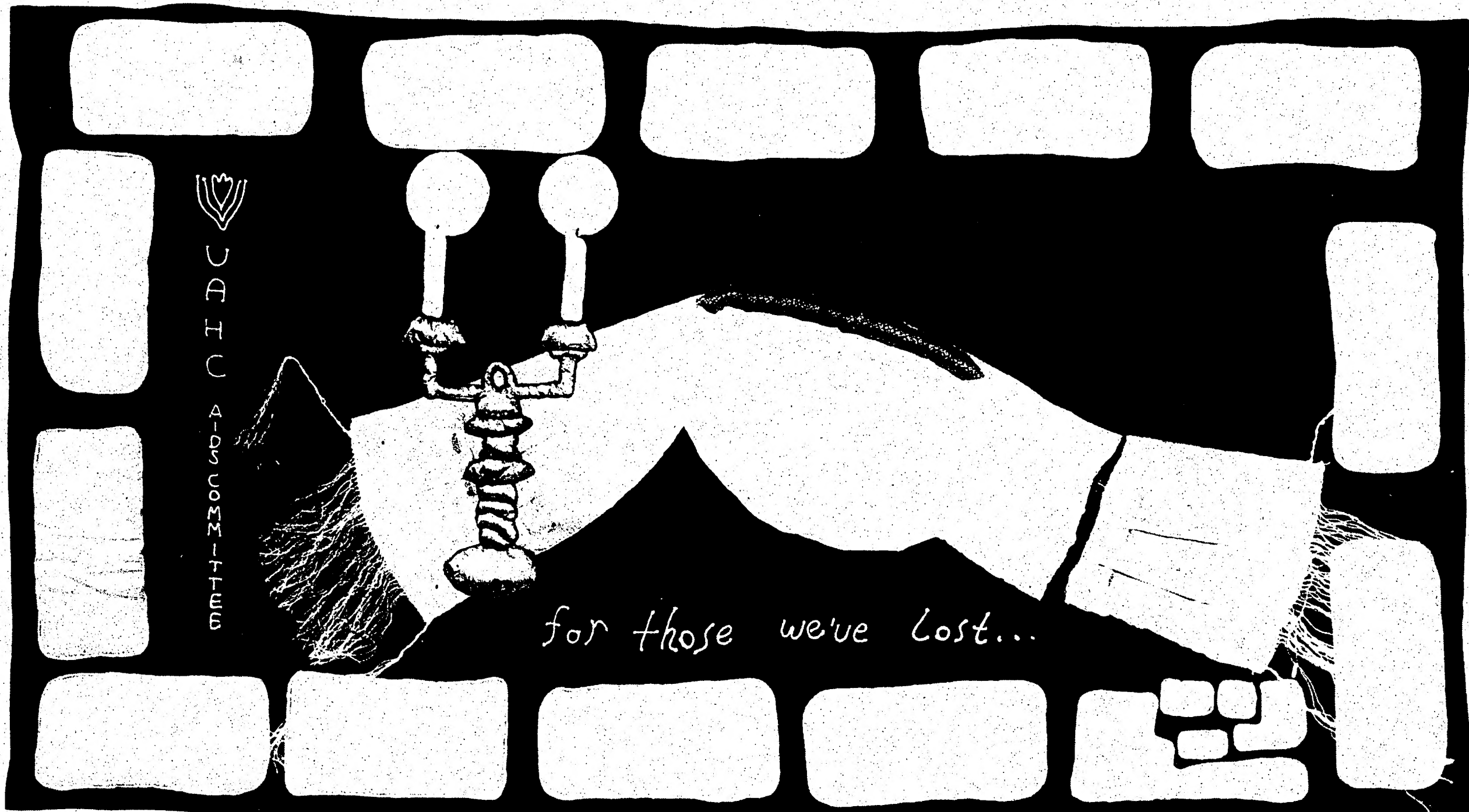
For those Jews who have been diagnosed HIV positive or who are living with AIDS, the future is not hopeful.

"Nobody is really giving out much hope about this disease. It's very difficult for anyone to understand what it is like to wake up in the morning with no one giving you any hope," says Rebecca.

Jews who have contracted the disease have made it clear they want and need their own community to give them support — spiritually, emotionally, and financially — so they will have the courage to face their uncertain future.

Official numbers may not be there. The people are.

Who will say Kaddish for me?



In memory of Jews who have died of AIDS. This quilt was presented to the NAMES Project by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Committee on AIDS, New Orleans, November 1989.

Jewish groups monitor actions of militant racist Black House

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Local Jewish community groups say they have been monitoring the activities of a fledgling militant — but still apparently marginal — offshoot of the U.S.-based Nation of Islam that has been openly expressing anti-Semitic canards and other provocative statements against whites and homosexuals.

The self-proclaimed racist group Black House has been denounced by mainstream organizations like the Black Coalition of Quebec (BCQ) and the Black Community Council of Quebec (BCCQ), an organization which, it concedes, unwittingly hired Black House as security for the annual Carifete parade without knowing its ideology.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith League for Human Rights say Black House first came to light when it sponsored the controversial Montreal visit last May of Khalil Abdul Muhammad.

Muhammad, a top aide of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (who gained notoriety for describing Judaism as a "gutter religion"), delivered a lengthy diatribe against Jews, gays and whites at Concordia University.

Since that time Black House has become a more visible and disturbing presence. According to a recent report in *The Montreal Gazette*, even AKAX, considered to be amongst the

most militant activist groups in the local black community, "wants nothing to do" with Black House.

The same story quoted a Black House spokesman, Shola Paul Martinet, as describing "Caucasian Jews ... as a threat to black people, not only here in Canada but everywhere." Martinet claimed a Jewish doctor injected black men with syphilis, saying "many Jews are responsible for the ongoing black Holocaust."

According to Jack Jedwab, community relations director for CJC Quebec region, Black House has been placed on Congress' agenda and that organization "will act quickly" if Black House is seen as actively "stirring up tension." For now, Jedwab says the situation seems to be under control.

Jedwab described Black House as "a fringe group with a dangerous message." But so far it has not appeared to show any potential for growth and he estimated its numbers are small, probably no more than "a few dozen."

CJC and B'nai Brith have been in contact with Montreal black community leadership on the Black House issue. Following Muhammad's May appearance, CJC and the BCQ issued a joint statement of condemnation. Jedwab said that was a sign that the Jewish and black communities are working together in common bond against the Black House agenda.

Jonathan Schneiderman, the local director for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith, said his office has received by fax two unsolicited pieces of hate mail from Black House.

On letterhead describing Black House as "the International State of Black Security," the letters refer to "those bastards among the so-called Jews." One says Jews "continue to portray us in a negative and degrading manner such as *Show Boat* and who are responsible for the on-going Black Holocaust."

It also states that black people "are tired of many members of the Jewish community, who are responsible for the legacy of racial enslavement, oppression and exploitation of our people."

In Schneiderman's view, some of the quotes in *The Gazette* article and in the faxes "border on a threat to violence against the Jewish community."

In that context, the releases might conceivably be considered hate propaganda. The League has passed them on to the security division of the Montreal Urban Community police department.

Black House has not yet committed any actual acts of violence, Schneiderman said, "but we are taking them extremely seriously. We hope it's a marginal group."

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Jewish war vets discuss racism

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Canada's peacekeepers are in such high demand that we must build, rather than decrease, our peacekeeping army. Major-General Lewis MacKenzie told the Jewish War Veterans of Canada at a conference last week. He urged the veterans to lobby politicians on the issue, saying that the ministry of defence claims Canada can only support 1,000 peacekeepers.

"The requirement for our services has gone up 400 percent in the last year-and-a-half. We are in demand, and we are saying we can't afford more than 1,000 [soldiers]," he said.

MacKenzie was the guest speaker at a dinner during a three-day conference of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada in Ottawa. It was the first gathering of the national organization in 14 years. Veterans came from across the country to see old friends and discuss pressing issues.

MacKenzie told them Canada has an obligation to help out in a world where "trouble is a growth industry."

The brief speech was a disappointment for some, who expected MacKenzie, who had been Chief of Staff of the United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia, to deliver an analysis of the situation in Bosnia.

"There are a lot of parallels between what is going on in Bosnia-Herzegovina and what happened during WWII," said Phil Pinkus, deputy commander of the Ottawa Post. "The world is standing back and watching and doing very little, and that is exactly what happened during the Holocaust. It's amazing that all the countries in Europe have not learned this lesson and let this slaughter go on for so long. I think the general could have brought that point out."

Racism was a major concern of the veterans at the conference and was discussed at length at a morning workshop. As soldiers who went to war against the Nazis in WWII, they said they were appalled by the apparent escalation of organized racism and anti-Semitism in Canada.

They resolved to appoint a committee to work with politicians, the media and other organizations to combat racism.

They also held a workshop to discuss the continued

existence of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Unlike its 100,000-member sister organization in the United States, which includes young veterans of the Vietnam and Gulf War, the Canadians are almost all veterans of WWII, and they are getting old.

The group decided that the Jewish War Veterans of Canada should stay active to pursue Jewish objectives and to commemorate the military service of Jews in Canada.

The conference was organized by Colonel Senator Jack Marshall and it marked the end of his leadership as national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Sam Pasternak, a former Royal Canadian Air Force pilot, and now the commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada Toronto Post, was elected the new national commander.

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Canada

B.C. fights racism

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — More than 50 organizations in Canada are known to promote white supremacy and hatred against identifiable cultural and racial groups and "we do not want this kind of hatred to take root in British Columbia," declared provincial Multiculturalism Minister Anita Hagen recently.

Hagen was moving for a second reading of Bill 33, introduced June 7, which would amend the B.C. Human Rights Act to give the government more scope to take action against hate literature and hate activities (*CJN* June 17).

Hagen has been running into difficulties with the bill because opponents, such as the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, think it infringes on free speech. The bill will be referred to a committee but will likely be passed by the end of June, before the house adjourns for the summer.

John Westwood, director of the Civil Liberties Association, said he is concerned about any legislation that removes recognition of free speech. Under the revised Act, prohibited grounds of discrimination include race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender, sexual orientation or age.

Opposition members, who generally support the idea of a strong Act to prevent race hatred, have their own criticisms. Allan Warnke, a Liberal MLA from the Vancouver area, said that while he supports the principle of the legislation, he thinks the new Act is "pretty darn sloppy" and will invite too many challenges.

"I fear the coming of that day," Warnke said, "because if a law that contains a human rights element is successfully challenged, we've got a real problem. It sets into motion a momentum that can lead to a real challenge to society, much as what happened in Germany in the 1920s."

Hagen said the revised Act will not limit "fair comment" and "vigorous debate." But, she said, "as a free and democratic province, we draw the line at allowing people to be attacked by hatred and contempt."

Hagen said government must take the lead through legislation and send a strong message to those who promote or advocate racism that they are not welcome in B.C. "This legislation provides a remedy that does not now exist within our laws to protect individuals and groups who are victims of hate propaganda and hate activity," she said.



David Nadler (centre), who recently loaned Israel \$5 million (U.S.) through the State of Israel Note Program, is surrounded by the new officers of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. With him are (from left to right) national president Myer Samuels; outgoing chairman of the board Melvyn A. Douglas; incoming chair Alex Grossman; and longtime supporter Manny Batshaw.

Bonds sales reach new heights

MONTREAL — State of Israel Bonds in Canada celebrated a record-breaking year, with sales topping \$90 million (U.S.) in 1992.

Sales have been increasing steadily over the past few years, says Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. executive vice-president Charles Diamond, and figures for 1993 appear even stronger. Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. is the national sales organization for State of Israel Bonds.

One big seller has been the Canadian Variable Rate Issue Bond, with a guaranteed minimum interest rate of 7.5 percent. The State of Israel

Note Program is also becoming popular with Canadian investors, especially those like David Nadler of Montreal.

Nadler recently loaned Israel \$5 million (U.S.) through the program, one of the largest single purchases ever made in Canada according to board chair Alex Grossman.

With the help of his bank, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Nadler secured a five-year promissory note which was then loaned to Israel. Semi-annual interest from Israel coincides with the customer's interest obligations on the bank loan, and all notes are guaran-

teed by the State of Israel.

The Note Program makes money for both Israel and the investor, and comprises 40 percent of the \$1.2 billion (U.S.) in investment capital raised by Bond sales internationally.

Diamond says the success of the program in Canada is the willing participation of the country's chartered banks. Nadler agrees. "With the help of my bank, I was able to loan Israel a sizeable sum of money at no cost and no risk to myself."

Creditworthy individuals interested in investing in the Note Program should contact State of Israel Bonds for more information.

You Wanted To Know



BY
MURRAY SHERR,
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Only three years ago, interest rates on GIC's and term deposits for one year were in the 12 1/2% range. Just one year ago, the rates were about 7%. As this is being written, one year term rates are in the area of 4 1/2%. And further downward trends are expected!

It is now the opinion of many economic forecasters that the 10% to 12 1/2% we became so used to, and so comfortable with, are gone forever. It seems that the rates of the 1980's were an anomaly. Some say that what we have now is a return to normal. Others are saying that 10% rates will not return again during this decade.

For people who rely on the cash flow from their invested savings, the steep drop in rates have created unexpected hardships. Many older people have been unable to continue the life style they have become accustomed to. Unfortunately, in some cases, the poor investment returns are affecting both their mental and physical health.

The question is how can investment returns be improved? What strategy, if any, should be used. The following are some choices available that seem to fit these times.

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How a person chooses to invest is a very personal matter. Your own risk tolerance will guide the selection you make. However, in today's complex investment marketplace, you can only get the best results by consulting and working with a professional investment consultant.

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National hate crime registry urged

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA — Liberal member of Parliament Shirley Maheu wants the federal government to set up a national hate crimes registry to "shine a spotlight" on a murky issue.

Maheu, the Liberal multiculturalism critic, has tabled a private member's bill calling on Ottawa to establish a central data bank on so-called bias crimes.

The purpose of Bill C-445 is to have police forces across Canada, including the RCMP, collect statistics to indicate the number of incidents investigated that were "wholly or partly" motivated by bias against identifiable groups.

The groups are defined as individual members of the public identified by color, race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic origin.

Statistics would be submitted to the federal solicitor-general and tabled in the House of Commons.

Maheu's bill envisions the solicitor-general then setting guidelines on how hate crimes should be investigated. It would also call on the solicitor-general to enter into negotiations with provincial attorneys general to ensure that all police forces collect data for a national registry.

A national hate crimes registry would allow all officials involved to look at how various communities have been targeted by hate crime, Maheu states.

"All we have now is speculation. It's hard to fight something when you don't know how many [incidents] are being committed or how," Maheu told *The CJN*. "If we don't have the statistics, governments don't know how to act."

Private member's bills rarely become law but Maheu is confident that her bill will be passed in the next session of Parliament, particularly if the Liberals form the government.



Shirley Maheu

Maheu's initiative has won support from B'nai Brith Canada's League for

Human Rights.

Just last month, Ontario Solicitor-General David Christopherson announced that Ontario police forces will be given guidelines to help them take a more aggressive stance in investigating hate crimes and propaganda.

Those guidelines should help investigators determine whether a crime is motivated by hate.

Also last month, Metro Toronto Police reported that 74 hate-motivated crimes took place in Metro in the first six months of 1993, with 17 arrests made.

The Metro force set up a hate crimes unit in December.

Solicitor-General Doug Lewis told *The CJN* recently he was not aware of Maheu's bill but that he would be "happy to look into it."

Pollard gets new prison

TORONTO — After an initial shock and period of decompression, Jonathan Pollard has adjusted to his new surroundings at a medium-security prison in Butner, N.C., says his sister.

"He's got the kinks worked out. He seems to be adjusting," Carol Pollard told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from her home in New Haven, Conn.

Jonathan has a job in quality assurance at a textile plant in the prison and shares a large cell, more a sleeping area, with 30 other inmates, Carol said.

None of his cellmates is dangerous or poses a threat to her brother, she added.

"He seems to be OK. He's out in the sun and walks to work."

But, she cautioned, "there are many kinds of hell. This is just another."

Jonathan, a one-time U.S. Naval Intelligence officer, was transferred on June 21 to Butner from the maximum-security penitentiary in Marion, Ill., where he served over seven years of a life sentence for spying for Israel (*CJN*, July 8).

"Marion was physically brutal. For over seven years, he was in isolation, with no sensory input. This place [Butner] is mentally brutal," Carol said.

"But we don't talk about it much. We get right down to his case" during the Pollards' regular visits.

The case is still before U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and President Bill Clinton is knowledgeable about the matter, Carol said.

She said she's hopeful her brother's transfer is a sign from the government that it no longer considers him a threat to its security.

ידיש ווינקל YIDDISH CORNER

רעדאגירט פון ש. ליפשיץ

ידישע ביכער וואס ריידן...
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לונג“ ביי דער ידישער פאלקס-ביבליאטעק.

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גענומען אין באטראכט די עניקע ביכער, וואס זאלן
„גרניד זיין“ פארן אויער פון די „ליענער“, וואס
דארפן זיי „אויסהערן“.

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און אויסשפראך פונעם „אריינליענער“ צו דעם
מחבר'ס סטיל און דיאלעקט.

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ביבליאטעק.

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ביכער געפינען זיך נישט נאר ראיז-געליטענע, נאר
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מיר אינוינעם אזעלכע יחידים, וואס האבן „אמאל,
מיט יארן צוריק“ געקענט און געלייגעט ידיש, אבער
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זיי איצטער שווער צו ליענען א ידיש בוך, אבער
ס'איז זיי גרינגער זיך צוהערן צו א ידיש-רייזנדיקע
קאסטע, און דערמיט „אפפרישן“ זייער ידיש-
קענטשאפט.

און נאך א דערגרייכונג. צווישן די באנוצער פון די
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סטודענטן פון דער ידישער שפראך. אייניקע פון זיי
זאגן אונדז, אז דאס „זיך צוהערן“ צום קלאנג פון דער
שפראך „העלפט זיי טרענירן זייער אויער אריפצוכאפן
ידיש, וואס איז זיי נאך אלץ פרעמד.

און נאך אייניקע געלעגנהייטן, ווען די ידיש-
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אויטא א.א.וו.

און לסוף א וויכטיקע באמערקונג. זיכער וואלט
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Deri charged on four major counts

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Proceedings to lift the parliamentary immunity of Interior Minister Aryeh Deri began last week when Attorney General Yosef Harish presented an indictment against the minister to the Knesset.

Deri, who heads the fervently Orthodox Shas party, a member of the governing coalition, is charged with committing acts of bribery, fraud and breach of the public trust.

Harish, still angry about his failure to get the Knesset to lift the immunity of another Shas Knesset member, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, Rafael Pinhasi, did not show up at the Knesset in person, but instead sent the indictment sheet with a messenger.

This infuriated Hagai Meirum, chairman of the Knesset House Committee, which is charged with dealing with the matter. He was also angry at Harish for submitting the indictment two days before the Knesset was to adjourn for its summer recess.

Meirum went as far as to blame the attorney general for deliberate tactics to slow down the legal process, since the indictment sheet has been ready for the past two weeks.

Meirum said, however, that he did not know of any agreement between the prosecution and the defence to postpone the parliamentary process of lifting Deri's immunity until after the Knesset reconvenes Oct. 15.

Even if such an agreement had been made, stressed

Pinhasi stripped of immunity

Meirum, it would not be honored by the Knesset committee.

In March, the Knesset voted to strip Pinhasi of his parliamentary immunity so that he could face fraud charges connected to his position as treasurer of the Shas party.

But last month, Israel's Supreme Court ruled that the vote was invalid, since Pinhasi was not given an adequate opportunity to present his case to Knesset members before the balloting.

The Knesset voted again, and this time, those opposing lifting Pinhasi's immunity won, by a vote of 54-50. As a result, he cannot now be prosecuted.

Deri, meanwhile, has reportedly been charged on four major counts:

* passing public funds to his own account, and receiving a bribe of \$183,000;

* conspiracy to receive money on false grounds from the Religious Affairs and Interior ministries;

* fraud and breach of trust to alter the legal status of certain plots of land in order to allow construction of houses;

* appointing a close friend as head of a municipal council, although that person did not have the qualifications for the job.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein urged Deri to suspend himself from office immediately and to agree to lifting his immunity, so that the truth can be determined in court.

Deri has agreed to suspend himself from office only after the charge sheet is presented in court.

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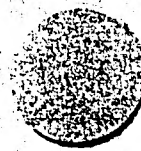
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Israeli court delays Demjanjuk deportation

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a surprise move, Israel's Supreme Court delayed the deportation of John Demjanjuk until it is determined whether an investigation should be reopened into his activities as an SS guard at the Sobibor concentration camp.

The move was made August 1 in response to a petition filed by a coalition of right-wing groups and Holocaust survivors calling for Demjanjuk to be prosecuted further.

Demjanjuk, whose war crimes conviction and death sentence were overturned by the court, had been scheduled to leave Israel for his native Ukraine, which granted him a temporary visa.

The Supreme Court found there was reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the savage guard, known as "Ivan the Terrible," who operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp in Poland during World War II.

But the court said there was ample evidence to suggest that he had trained as an SS guard at the Trawniki training facility in Poland and that he had served as a guard at Sobibor and other concentration camps.

Nevertheless, the court decided not to convict him on these charges, saying he had not been given the opportunity to defend himself against them. It ordered the former Cleveland autoworker freed from prison, and Israeli officials immediately sought to deport him.

The 11th-hour ruling to postpone the deportation was made in response to a petition filed by both the right-wing extremist Kach movement and a group of Holocaust survivors.

The petition calls for the prosecution of Demjanjuk for his alleged role as a Nazi guard at Sobibor, where some 250,000 Jews perished.

While the court is considering the request, Demjanjuk, who is 73, will remain

in his prison cell in Ramla.

Meanwhile, officials in Ukraine said Demjanjuk could be subject to arrest if his name appears on a list of Ukrainian war criminals. They noted there is no statute of limitations for war crimes.

His acquittal has profoundly hurt Holocaust survivors, particularly the five who testified unequivocally at his trial that he was the gruesome Treblinka guard they recalled.

AMCHA, the National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation, reported that in the hours immediately following Demjanjuk's acquittal, hundreds of Holocaust survivors in Israel called special telephone lines set up by the organization to help them express their anguish.

AMCHA provides psychosocial counseling for Israel's 300,000 Holocaust survivors as well as their progeny.

Demjanjuk's acquittal on war crimes charges should not block future war crime cases, says B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs.

"The Demjanjuk verdict should not block future war crimes prosecutions in Canada or elsewhere, but rather act as a catalyst for further cases," said David Matas, national chair of the Institute's war crimes committee. "Today's decision was based on particular evidence, and the unusual defence of mistaken identity. The Demjanjuk case proves the importance of prosecuting suspected war criminals and bringing them to justice at an early stage."

According to B'nai Brith executive vice president Frank Dimant, "The Demjanjuk decision shows the independence of the Israeli Judiciary and its commitment to justice regardless of social or political pressure. Israel is the only country in the Middle East where an accused would receive a fair trial."

Disappointment at decision

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The decision of the Israeli Supreme Court acquitting John Demjanjuk was received with a mixture of puzzlement, disappointment and frustration by members of Toronto's Jewish community who were surveyed recently in an informal street poll.

Some of those questioned by *The C/N* couldn't understand how Israel's High Court could ignore the testimony of survivors which placed the former SS guard at the Treblinka death camp while others thought Demjanjuk should have been executed as soon as he reached Israel.

Representatives of Jewish organizations looked for a silver lining in the acquittal, with Canadian Jewish Congress, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC) and B'nai Brith Canada pointing out that the decision shows a suspected Nazi war criminal can receive a fair trial. They also warned that the judgment could be used as ammunition by those who deny the Holocaust ever happened.

In an informal survey taken at two north Toronto locations, Holocaust survivors voiced their feelings in no uncertain terms. **Max Wolnerman**, 73, a native of Sosnowiec, Poland, said "I was very unhappy about it. There was no reason to release him. There were so many other things against him. He was in Sobibor (a Nazi death camp) and in other small towns."



Max Wolnerman

Wolnerman, who escaped the Nazis and spent the war in Russia, said "all the newcomers here are very unhappy with that decision. He should not be released. If they don't pinpoint him as Ivan the Terrible, he has so many things that he's done."

Harry Baer, 72, said "I think they were playing around with him too much. He was a murderer and people said so who knew him. When the United States sent him out, they should have shot him right away."

"The decision is a very bad one for the Jewish people and for everyone in the world," said Baer, a native of Lodz, Poland. "Anti-Semites will say the Holocaust was nothing."

Henry Wander, 72, believes "they should have finished him off right away." Wander, who spent five years in 13 Nazi camps, including Auschwitz, said "my wife, Sarah, was a whole night crying because they let him out. It makes me feel they didn't believe the survivors. They believed him."

Etty Rubinstein, who was born in Russia and spent much of her adult life in Israel, took a different approach to the case. Political factors between the new states of Ukraine and Russia played a role in the release of Russian-source evidence that cast doubt on whether Demjanjuk was Ivan, she contended.

"Things changed in Russia and Ukraine and they didn't want him killed," she said. "Russia wants good relations with Ukraine." The Israeli court simply relied on the new evidence before them, she said. "I didn't want to see him released," Rubinstein continued. "On the other side, I was happy that Israel, even with a hater of Israel, they sought justice."

"I believe he was the man. He was also at another place. Does he deserve flowers for being at Sobibor where he was a guard? He helped to kill Jews."

Despite her views, Rubinstein does not want to see Demjanjuk charged for other crimes. "It wouldn't give any pride or use to Israel," she said.

A similar view was expressed by **Gertrude Brooker**, 70. "I don't think he should be kept for another trial no matter what he did. Sixteen years of trying him is enough."

Charles Goeldner, 58, disagrees with that assessment. "He was tried as Ivan the Terrible and the court found him not guilty of that, but they have definite proof he was one of the guards at Sobibor and he should be tried for that," he said.

Goeldner said survivors of the Holocaust "can recall the horrors inflicted on them by Ivan the Terrible and I don't think their memories could have been far off. He could have been at one camp and transferred to another under an alias."

Harold Segal, 67, said "the decision was justified on a technicality... The jurists of Israel must be respected. It will give survivors disappointment but the fact that the man is guilty of being a former Nazi, or of the Ukrainian equivalent of the Nazis, he should be tried again: The time served should be his sentence; with a guilty verdict entered for the record, to give some slight satisfaction to those who identified him as a concentration camp guard. He should definitely not be considered innocent."

Yitzhak Berliner, 77, a native of Kanska, Poland, said "I think about the judgment that it's impossible to understand what happened here. There were witnesses who pointed him out in court that he was the man and the [trial] court found him guilty."

Berliner, who spent much of the war in the Kanska ghetto (near Kielce) and later in Buchenwald, said "everyone knows he's a murderer. Now he's released free. A person who lived in a camp doesn't understand the psychology of a court that released him. I don't know how the judges could have reached that conclusion. How can a person be free after all he did? The people who were there knew he was the one."

A different view was expressed by a thirtysomething woman who declined to be identified. She said she wasn't surprised at the decision "because after so many years, it's hard to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt. It's such an emotional issue. So many years have passed. I think you have to recognize that after so many years,



Yitzhak Berliner

eyewitnesses could be mistaken. The judges might [also] be aware of the long term ramifications if Israel made a mistake."

Meanwhile, those who monitor the issue of war crimes were divided on the case's potential impact in Canada. David Matas, a spokesman for B'nai Brith, said the Israeli decision "can actually help prosecutions here," while Sol Littman, Canadian

representative of the SWC, said it would likely have no impact on Canadian prosecutions since there are no Canadian prosecutions.

Milton Harris, chair of Congress' war crimes committee, thought the decision would have no impact on Canada. Of much greater importance is the motivation of Canada's war crimes unit, which he described as lacking the "fire in the belly" to advance the war crimes portfolio.

In his analysis, Matas said the judgment dispels "the myth" advanced by opponents of war crimes prosecutions that Soviet-based evidence is unreliable. That evidence was used in the Demjanjuk case to exculpate him. He suggested that while the reticence to rely on that sort of evidence was fatal in the Michael Pawlawski case (the Crown dropped criminal charges against the Renfrew, Ont. man when a court would not allow evidence-gathering in the Soviet Union), the war crimes unit could renew it as a denaturalization/deportation case.



John Demjanjuk

Matas said the Demjanjuk case illustrates the importance of documentary evidence and suggests Canada's war crimes unit places too much emphasis on gathering eyewitness testimony.

Matas said the Demjanjuk case should have no adverse impact in Canada since it centred on the rarely used defence of mistaken identity. He warned, however, that Canadian prosecutors might draw negative conclusions from the decision that would immobilize them.

Harris said the Israeli decision should not lead to a downgrading of eyewitness testimony. In Canada, a Vancouver court in the case of Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens relied on live testimony to strip Luitjens of his citizenship. The trial judge found that the intensity of witnesses' experiences made their recollections reliable. Harris said:

"Of more concern to Congress is that 'the drive in the Canadian war crimes unit is not of strongly committed people. When you're not strongly committed, you hope someone will throw a hurdle in front of you that is too high for you to jump over.'" Harris said.

The SWC's Littman was more blunt. "[The Demjanjuk decision] will have no impact on Canadian prosecutions because there are no Canadian prosecutions," he said.

He predicted that the Canadian Justice Department will find some solace in the decision and will use it as a reason to go even slower in initiating Canadian prosecutions. (There are currently only two war crimes cases in process.)

Littman said an unfortunate result of the decision is that public opinion may now view survivors' testimony as unreliable, but he also said the decision shows that war crimes suspects can get a fair trial, regardless of the venue.

He predicted however, that some East European groups will argue it's time to end war crimes prosecutions given the time that has elapsed since the events took place.

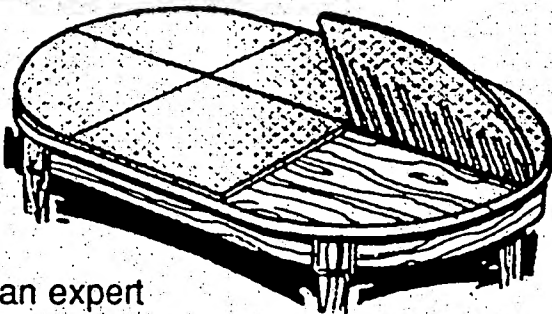
Christopher Amerasinghe, acting director of Canada's war crimes unit, said the Israeli decision is not germane to prosecutions in Canada and will have no effect on the unit's work.

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U.S. court rules Demjanjuk should be allowed to return

CINCINNATI (JTA) — Jewish groups have reacted with shock and dismay to an appeals court decision here ordering the federal government to allow John Demjanjuk's return to the United States.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled here last week that Demjanjuk must be allowed to return to the United States in the wake of a decision by Israel's Supreme Court to overturn his 1988 conviction and death sentence for war crimes committed at the Treblinka death camp in Poland.

A three-judge panel reached the decision after hearing oral arguments from lawyers representing the U.S. government and Demjanjuk's family, which had filed a petition seeking his re-entry to this country.

Following the Israeli Supreme Court's ruling, the Justice Department had said it would bar Demjan-

juk from returning to the United States, which extradited him to Israel in 1986.

The federal court here, which has been reviewing the legality of Demjanjuk's extradition, ruled that the former Cleveland autoworker could not be tried in Israel for any offence other than for crimes for which he was extradited.

Arguing that Demjanjuk was extradited solely on the charges that he was "Ivan the Terrible" of Treblinka, the court said it would be "improper" for further prosecution of Demjanjuk. Such action, it said, "would violate basic precepts of international law."

Noting that Demjanjuk, who was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1981, is now "stateless and homeless," the court also ruled that "basic humanitarian considerations embodied in the U.S. Constitution require

that steps be taken" to ensure that justice is carried out.

The court also justified its decision by saying that Demjanjuk may be in serious physical danger as long as he remains in Israel.

Citing death threats made in Israel to Demjanjuk and his family, the court said its pending case on the legality of his extradition "will not serve its purpose if Mr. Demjanjuk is killed or injured."

Meanwhile, the appeals court here will continue its deliberations over whether the original extradition of Demjanjuk to Israel was valid in light of evidence available to government prosecutors that suggested someone else was "Ivan the Terrible."

The court has scheduled oral arguments in the case for Sept. 3, and a decision is expected sometime in the fall.



John Demjanjuk in his prison cell. (IPPA photo)

Germany frees Treblinka officer

TORONTO — The government of Germany has come under fire for releasing Treblinka deputy commandant Kurt Franz who was serving a life sentence for his part in the murder of at least 300,000 people.

Both Canadian Jewish Congress and AMCHA-The Coalition for Jewish Concerns, have protested the decision to release Franz.

In a letter to Germany's ambassador to Canada, Dr. Hans-Gunter Sulimma, Congress executive, vice-president Alan Rose stated: "We find it incomprehensible that Franz is being permitted to live the rest of

his years in freedom which he denied to hundreds of thousands of his victims who were gassed in Treblinka."

"The insensitivity of the release of a murderer like Franz just at the moment when the John Demjanjuk case has inflamed the sensibilities of Holocaust survivors is outrageous," said Judy Balint, AMCHA national director.

Franz was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1965 for the murder of at least 300,000 people, of which 139 were murdered by his own hand. State prosecutors opposed his release, arguing that his crimes were too severe to merit such treatment.

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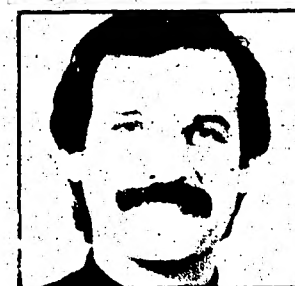


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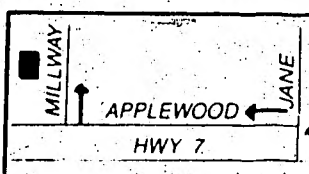
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Police, AG agree on hate crimes

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — There have been no instances of the attorney general's department turning down police recommendations for hate crime prosecutions, a joint police-ministry news release stated last week.

The announcement came in the wake of conflicting statements by Metro Toronto Deputy Police Chief David Boothby, who earlier said police had passed along many cases in which they believed hate promotion charges were warranted, and by spokespersons for the attorney general's office, who have denied that such cases were advanced.

Boothby had told *The C/N* following a meeting of the Metro Council Action Committee to Combat Racism that police "on a regular basis" passed to the attorney general's office

incidents of hate crimes that could warrant charges (*C/N* July 8).

Congress met with Boothby last week when he reiterated the police contention that police had recommended charges in a number of hate-promotion incidents.

Ministry and police representatives met late last week to discuss the apparent discrepancy. Following the meeting the two sides issued a joint news release in which they "reiterated their commitment to ensuring that hate-motivated crime is thoroughly investigated and that appropriate cases are vigorously prosecuted."

Hate motivated crime is taken very seriously by the attorney general, ministry spokeswoman Barbara Krever added.

But the discrepancy led Canadian Jewish Congress to question the sin-

cerity of law enforcement agencies in pursuing the hate crime portfolio. "We are sick and tired of being used as a ping pong ball in this game and we question the sincerity of both the government and police in fighting hate crime," said Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Congress.

"We are gravely disappointed and saddened that the Metro police force felt it necessary to misrepresent the facts in regards to requesting anti-hate prosecutions," said Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region.

"It is regrettable that the police would in any way want to pull the wool over the eyes of the public by pretending that prosecutions had been requested under Canada's anti-hate law."

So far, one hate-promotion charge has been laid, against Elise Hategan, 19.

Heritage Front looking to Quebec

MONTREAL — The Toronto-based white supremacist Heritage Front is threatening to move into Quebec, and Jewish groups are outraged.

Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege is reportedly organizing a rock concert Aug. 14 at an undisclosed location in Montreal.

"The people of Montreal must send the Heritage Front just one message: You are not welcome here," said B'nai Brith League for Human Rights national president Stephen Scheinberg. "We urge our elected representatives to let their voice be heard on this issue, as we move towards an election this fall."

The League has been in contact with the police. Droege and other Heritage Front members are current-

ly facing charges arising out of a number of incidents of racist violence in Toronto. However, there seems to be no legal way of stopping the Montreal event from taking place.

The Heritage Front held a concert in Ottawa in May featuring the band Racial Holy War, which served as a recruitment for young people.

It was followed by a parade through downtown streets where participants chanted neo-Nazi slogans.

According to the League's information, Racial Holy War, also known as RAHOWA, is scheduled to perform at the Montreal concert. "A lead member of Rahowa is George Burdi, Canadian leader of the U.S.-based violent white supremacist organization Church of the Creator," Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec

Region chair Manuel Shafer also called upon public officials to closely monitor the Heritage Front's activities in Montreal.

"The Heritage Front and its leaders should be warned that they are not welcome in the City of Montreal or Province of Quebec."

CJC plans to work with other human rights organizations to stem the group's influence here.

A spokesman for Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner said the RCMP continues to monitor the Heritage Front.

"But the education of our children continues to be of prime importance in this battle. I only hope the parents realize the seriousness of the situation," said Neil Drabkin, senior policy adviser to Weiner.

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LESSER — LEIZNER

Robert Lesser, of Toronto, reports that his family is unable to trace the origin of his surname.

Actually, it derives from the Hebrew given name Eliezer ("God will help"). The name was abbreviated to Lazer and Lesser is a variant.

My old friend and physician Dr. Harry Leizner owes his surname to the same source.

RENSCHOWITZ — REKSZOWICZ

Annette Renschowitz, of Brooklyn, N.Y., writes that she is curious about her uncommon surname. There is a little shtetl called Ranischau in south-eastern Poland near Zielonka, which probably is the origin of her name. The subtle changes from the original are challenges to the Name Game.

My correspondent also enquires about Rekszowicz. This, too, derived from a place name Rakszawa in south-eastern Poland near Przemyśl.

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Yemeni culture shock

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A few violent incidents among new Yemenite immigrants at an absorption centre have prompted a call by a Jewish Agency official for a change in the way these newcomers are settled.

Uri Gordon, the agency's head of immigration and absorption, said the incidents showed that problems arise when immigrants are concentrated at centres and that the recent spate of publicity about the Yemenites' arrival has added to the tension there.

He suggested in news reports that the next group of arrivals be absorbed directly in Israeli neighborhoods with the help of so-called benefits baskets.

Last week, Yemenite immigrants living in the Oshiyot Absorption Center in Rehovot blocked traffic near the centre and attacked a reporter and photographer who apparently had come to record their actions.

A policeman arrived on the scene to investigate and had his hand broken while trying to intervene in the attack.

Two immigrants taken into police custody later explained they were merely trying to prevent the desecration of the

Sabbath and did not know they were violating the law.

On Sunday, a journalist visiting the centre reportedly was attacked by some immigrants and had his tape recorder broken.

The centre's director, Akiva Barel, said that the attacks on reporters are prompted by fears that the publicity could harm the immigrants and their families who remain in Yemen.

He said the Shabbat violence came as a result of tension that had built up the Sabbath before, when Israeli teens rode provocatively around the centre on motorcycles.

Jewish Agency spokesman Yehudah Weinraub said that the immigrants, who are deeply religious and have little or no prior experience with secular Jews, said that "when they were in Yemen, the Arabs knew it was their Sabbath and did not disrupt it, and they didn't see why it should be disrupted in a Jewish country."

Weinraub said that Barel and the police explained to the Yemenites they could not take the law into their own hands and that Barel urged that the newcomers be educated about Israeli law.



Two sons are reunited with their mother after 33 years on her arrival in Israel from Yemem. [IPPA photo]

Indians arrive in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of single people from India arrived in Israel last weekend under the auspices of an organization that believes they are remnants of the 10 Lost Tribes of Israel.

The Indians, who range in age from 17 to 35, are from the northeast Indian states of Mizoram and Manipur and came here on Israeli tourist visas, the Interior Ministry confirmed.

The Indians will replace Arab agricultural workers in the Gaza Strip, who are viewed by Jewish settlers there as a security threat. The group will also spend time preparing for conversion to Judaism.

Israel's Chief Rabbinate has approved the conversion program for the Indian group.

The group is sponsored by Amishav, an organization committed to bringing back to Judaism and Israel people believed to be descendants of the 10 Lost Tribes of Israel, whose fate has been the

basis of speculation since they were exiled nearly 3,000 years ago.

Their airfare was reportedly paid by Dr. Irwin Moskowitz of Miami and his son-in-law, Yigal Hirsch.

Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail, the director of Amishav, was reported to be sorry he was sending the group to the Gaza Strip.

But he said he was unsuccessful in finding within Israel proper an observant community willing to accommodate the group and provide opportunities for them to do physical labor.

The group belongs to a nearly 1-million-member tribe which believes it is a remnant of the tribe of Menashe.

More than a century ago, Christian missionaries converted the tribe, though about 5,000 of the group now live as Jews.

This group of Indians joins another group from the same area of the country that is studying and working here.

Butcher leaves CJN for Covenant

Len Butcher, Managing Editor of *The Canadian Jewish News* for the past three years, will be leaving the paper August 13 to take the position of Editor with B'nai Brith's newspaper, *The Covenant*.

Butcher, whose lists of credits spanning 25 years in the newspaper business, include stints in varying capacities with the *Montreal Star*, *Globe and Mail*, London's *Daily Express* and the *Las Vegas Sun*, says he's leaving *The CJN* with mixed emotions.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my stay here and the people I've worked with. I've made many friends on both a personal and professional basis and it is with some sadness that I won't be seeing them as often.

"The challenge, however, of reshaping *The Covenant* was one I could not ignore and I look forward with excitement and anticipation to working with the people at B'nai Brith."

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Of course, in many cases the affected or ill spouse simply will not go for such therapy due to embarrassment or outright denial. The key, according to Dr. Wohlgelemler, is to treat emotional illnesses like any other illness. Some clients or spouses might best be directed to seek medical counselling before commencing divorce proceedings. On occasion, a good dose of medication or psychotherapy can ease what appears to be a serious crisis in a marriage.

John Syrtash is a Toronto lawyer whose preferred area of practice is Family Law and neither Mr. Syrtash nor B'nai Brith Canada is liable for any consequences that may arise from any party relying upon the information in this material. Mr. Syrtash can be reached at (416) 224-0200.

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Large number of Israelis favor direct talks with PLO

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — Gideon is a tough-talking 32-year-old who spends his Fridays at the shooting range and does his reserve duty in a paratroop unit. He has "no love for Arabs" and speaks of human rights, especially those of Palestinians, with disdain. In short, he is not the kind of person you would expect to favor direct talks with the PLO.

But Gideon is one of a growing number of Israelis calling for an end to the deeply-entrenched taboo against any dealings with Yasser Arafat and his organization.

A poll carried out two weeks ago by the Dahaf Institute found 42 percent of Israelis in favor of direct talks with the PLO. Fifty-seven percent were opposed. But the fact that the issue provokes debate in Israeli society is already a departure from the past when the very idea was unthinkable. "There is definitely a greater readiness among Israelis to enter into direct talks with the PLO," says Dr. Mina Zemach, director of the Dahaf Institute.

The gradual change in attitude is motivated mainly by pragmatists. "We have to face the facts," argues Gideon, a Jerusalem computer programmer, who asked that his family name be withheld. "The PLO is in control. You can't choose your enemies. If we want to come to an agreement with the Palestinians, we have to negotiate with their real leader."

"We could waste ten years talking with the wrong people," adds Yosef Halberfal, a 68-year-old Jerusalemite.

Taboo still holds

For a majority of Israelis, however, the taboo still holds. "We must never negotiate with terrorists," maintains 26-year-old Eitan Gal of Arad. "The PLO's hands are too bloody."

But this argument is dismissed by Gideon. "Are Syrian President Assad's hands any less bloody? It doesn't stop us from negotiating with him."

Many members of Knesset, newspaper columnists and Middle East analysts have, in recent months, joined the chorus, calling for direct talks with the PLO.

Dr. Joseph Alpher, head of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, last week launched the publication of the centre's annual report on the Middle East Military Balance with a call for negotiations with the PLO.

"We don't have an unlimited amount of time for the peace process, and if there is no progress, there will be a deterioration," maintained Alpher. In addition to direct talks, Alpher believes that Israel must begin "discreet discussions" concerning the nature of the final arrangements in the territories. He acknowledges that this is a deviation from the Madrid formula, but maintains that it is the only way out of the impasse in negotiations with the Palestinians.

It is precisely this scenario — of being forced to begin discussions on a final settlement — that worries opponents of direct talks. In a theatrical display of their concerns, right-wing coalition members staged a mock "return of the Palestinian refugees" on Sunday. Hundreds of Jewish demonstrators, dressed up as Arabs, sailed into Tel Aviv's marina waving

Palestinian flags and flashing banners praising Arafat for the "liberation of Palestine."

"Whoever calls for talks with Arafat is calling for the right of return of four or five million Palestinian refugees," maintains Aharon Domb, a spokesperson for the settlers of Judea and Samaria. "It means the return of Palestinians to Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Lod, Ramle and Jerusalem."

Right of return opposed

Not so, argues Yossi Sarid, an outspoken supporter of direct talks, who last month became the first member of any Israeli government to meet with a senior PLO leader. But even Sarid is unambivalent about the refugee issue. "I am absolutely opposed to granting Palestinian refugees the right of return," he declared on Israel Television earlier this week. In that, Sarid expresses a national consensus that is unlikely to change.

"I lost my home too," says Rafi Avigdor, a Moroccan-born immigrant. "I don't expect to get back my house in Morocco. They can't expect to return to the homes they left behind either," says 55-year-old Avigdor, a veteran of three wars, who also favors direct talks with the PLO.

The debate comes in the wake of a flood of rumors suggesting that the government is already engaged in secret talks with PLO leaders. One person cited as conducting clandestine mediation on behalf of the Israeli government is Canadian university professor Steve Cohen (see accompanying story). Meanwhile, last week it was revealed that Environment Minister Yossi Sarid held talks recently in Cairo with Nabil Sha'ath, a close advisor of Arafat's. Officially, Prime Minister Rabin dismissed the significance of these talks, implying that they were a private initiative of Sarid's. However, the prime minister did not prevent Sarid from holding the meeting and is said to have received a full report from the minister upon his return.

Most analysts believe that the government is discreetly testing the waters to determine whether direct talks with the PLO would advance or stall the peace process. Both Peres and Elyakim Rubinstein, head of the Israeli delegation negotiating with the

Palestinians, have repeatedly maintained that "it is not who we talk with that's important, but what we talk about" — a position that could pave the way for direct talks with the PLO.

The irony is that as more and more Israelis become resigned to dealing with the PLO, an increasing number of Palestinians — including the members of the negotiating team — are becoming disillusioned with the PLO leadership. The sharpest indication of this is the resignation threat made this week by Palestinian delegates Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erakat. But that is only the latest sign of Arafat's dwindling support. Palestinian negotiating chief Haidar Abdel Shaifi — who has boycotted the last few sessions of peace talks — has been openly critical of Arafat for weeks, demanding that the PLO leader's powers be curbed. He has also called for major reforms in the PLO which would open up the movement to more radical Palestinian elements. Perhaps most telling is a poll conducted earlier this month which showed that 88 percent of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip agree with him and would like to see reform and democratization of the PLO. The poll, carried out by an East Jerusalem research institute in collaboration with CNN, also found that 52 percent of Palestinians support PLO-affiliated movements, while 24 percent back Islamic ones. Another 24 percent favor other alternatives.

Arafat losing his hold

So while Arafat seems to be gaining support among pragmatic Israelis, the PLO leader is losing his hold on Palestinians.

That erosion of support has already led some Israelis to re-evaluate the wisdom of conducting talks with the PLO leader. "Even if Arafat wants peace, who's to say he can deliver it?" asked an editorial in the Hebrew daily *Yedioth Aharonot* this week. "The PLO does not represent close to half the Palestinians in the diaspora who support more radical groups. Now it looks like a large segment of Palestinians in the territories do not back the PLO leadership," notes the editorial and concludes that: "Talking to the PLO just because its leaders will talk to us is like searching for a lost coin in a place that is well-lit just because it's easier to look there than in the dark spot where you dropped the coin."

Canadian reported mediating with PLO

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — An Israeli daily reported last week that a Canadian university professor is mediating between the Israeli government and the PLO. The newspaper, *Hadashot*, claimed that Steven Cohen, a McGill University psychology professor, is conducting secret discussions with PLO leaders on behalf of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. The claim was denied by Peres.

Cohen — who is known to have close ties with both Israeli and Arab leaders — arranged a controversial meeting between pro-Israel congress-

man Wayne Owen and PLO leader Yasser Arafat a few years ago.

Members of the Canadian delegation dealing with multilateral talks on the refugee issue consult regularly with Cohen on an informal basis, according to a source at the Canadian Embassy in Israel.

The source said that the mediation efforts, attributed to Cohen by *Hadashot*, "would not be inconsistent with his views and past activities." He added that "time and events have demonstrated that Cohen has been pretty much on the ball with respect to the PLO, the peace process and the need to base a settlement on land for peace."

The News in Brief

Killers get life

JERUSALEM — Ahmed Aziz and Osama Silawi, both of Jenin, have been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Motti Riton, whom they killed while he was shopping in the town market last October. Silawi had also been charged with murdering three Jenin residents who were suspected of co-operating with the authorities.

Improving Arab schools

JERUSALEM — The education ministry has announced a plan to improve schools in the Arab sector and reduce the gap in resource allocations between it and the Jewish sector.

As part of the plan, 6,000 more teaching hours are to be allocated to the Arab sector, in addition to the 5,000 extra hours allocated this year.

Among the areas to receive special attention are technological studies, for which some NIS 1.25 million have been set aside. Some 1,500 hours and NIS 250,000 have also been budgeted for special education. Truant officers are to be appointed to try to return drop-outs to school, and evening classes are to be set up for working youths, to increase the number of high-school graduates in the Arab sector.

Israel, Mozambique ties

UNITED NATIONS — Israel and the African nation of Mozambique have established diplomatic relations.

Mozambique became the 125th country to establish ties with the Jewish state. The relationship was formalized in a ceremony at the United Nations.

Mozambique, a Portuguese colony that achieved independence in June 1975, is the latest of a string of African nations to establish or renew diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

The country does not boast much of a Jewish population, but there is a historic synagogue in the capital, Maputo.

Pact signed with Greece

JERUSALEM — Greece and Israel have agreed to have regular contacts and to co-operate on issues including the economy, tourism and culture.

Greece also agreed to help Israel improve ties with the European Community.

Greek foreign affairs undersecretary Virginia Tsouderou and Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin signed a protocol providing for a joint committee to meet twice a year to discuss areas of co-operation.

The two countries signed co-operation agreements on tourism, health and agriculture three months ago.

Now Israel expects Greece to help it improve its co-operation agreements with the EC after Greece takes over the community's six-month rotating presidency in January.

Rabbi Simon Greenberg dies

NEW YORK — Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor emeritus of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, former president of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles and a 60-year member of the Seminary faculty, died at his home in Jerusalem July 26, only moments before beginning the fast of Tisha b'Av.

His housekeeper found him at his desk, dressed to go to synagogue, a book open in front of him. He was 92.

Rabbi Greenberg continued to teach, lecture and write until the end. The week before his death, he sent the first four chapters of his most recent book to vice-chancellor Rabbi William Lebeau, who is also acting dean of the Seminary's Rabbinical School. The book was to be a guide for rabbis on writing sermons, and would have been his 23rd publication.

Brandeis founder dies

NEW YORK — Abram Sachar, founding president of Brandeis University and a leader of the Hillel Foundation, died last month of respiratory failure at his home in Newton, Mass. He was 94.

Sachar was considered the driving force behind shaping Brandeis, in Waltham, Mass., into a major research institution and making it the only non-sectarian university sponsored by the American Jewish community.

Since it opened under his leadership in 1948 with 107 students and 13 faculty members, Brandeis has grown into a top private liberal arts university with 360 full-time and 114 part-time faculty and more than 3,700 un-

dergraduate students.

During his 20-year tenure at the university, Sachar earned a reputation for fundraising, collecting more than \$250 million for Brandeis' campus and research centres.

\$2 million reward offered

WASHINGTON — The state department is offering a \$2 million reward for information leading to the apprehension of a World Trade Center bombing suspect, amid reports it fought with the FBI over which agency would be responsible for putting up the reward money.

The suspect, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, 26, travels on an Iraqi passport and is now probably somewhere in the Middle East, the department stated.

In another development, Matarawy Mohammed Saleh became the eleventh suspect arrested and charged with a conspiracy to bomb the United Nations, a federal building in Manhattan housing the FBI and two commuter tunnels.

Air China flies to Israel

TEL AVIV — Air China, the national airline of the People's Republic of China, has inaugurated its long-awaited regular air service to Israel.

The weekly Air China service, between Beijing and Tel Aviv, will run in tandem with the weekly flights operated to Beijing by El Al since last September.

Both El Al and Air China will leave Ben-Gurion Airport on Thursdays, the Chinese airline at 5:10 p.m. and El Al shortly before midnight.

El Al breaks record

TEL AVIV — El Al broke its own record August 1 in the number of flights flown and passengers carried in a 24-hour period.

The Israeli national airline flew 76 flights that day with some 18,500 passengers arriving at, and taking off from, Ben-Gurion International Airport.

The day's flights included four jumbo jets to New York, with some 1,800 passengers, and two jumbos arriving from New York.

There were also three flights to Paris, and two each to Marseilles, France; Rome; London; Amsterdam and Bucharest, Romania.

Neo-Nazi sentenced

SYDNEY, Australia — An Australian neo-Nazi has been sentenced to 200 hours of community service and full payment for repairs to a synagogue he vandalized in May.

Billy Smith of Brisbane, pleaded guilty to charges relating to the May 8 damage to the state's main synagogue.

Graffiti smeared on the synagogue walls included "White Supremacy," "Out With the Jews" and "White Power."

Swastikas and stickers were also used to deface the front of the synagogue.

Smith, a self-proclaimed member of the tiny Australian National Socialist movement, was one of at least three perpetrators who committed the crime. He refused to implicate the other individuals involved.

JTS leader dies

NEW YORK — Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor emeritus of the Jewish Theological Seminary and a leader of the Conservative movement, died at his home in Jerusalem last month of cardiovascular arrest. He was 92.

Greenberg held numerous positions at JTS and in Jewish organizations in America and Israel, and he became known as an institution builder, visionary and leading spokesman for Conservative Judaism.

Swiss supply weapons

GENEVA — In the last year, at least 10 Swiss companies have exported, directly or indirectly, equipment to Iran for producing atomic, chemical and biological arms and long-range rockets, according to a recent report here.

The article, based on a report which first appeared in the Israeli newspaper *Ma'ariv*, also asserts that dozens of Swiss companies were heavily involved in assisting Iraq's nuclear development program prior to the Persian Gulf War.

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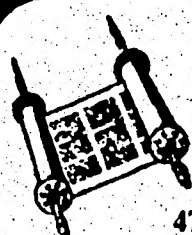
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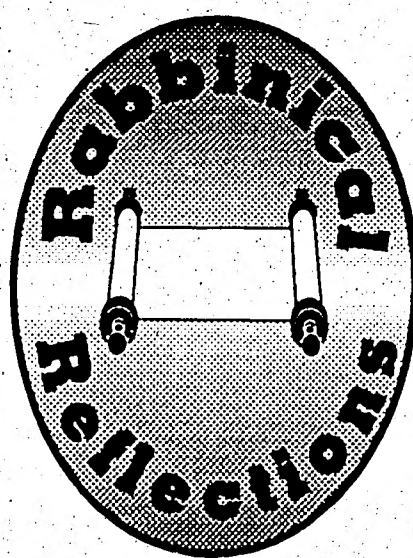
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By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Many of those late night 30-minute infomercials from Stateside fill the airwaves with one theme: you can get rich quick. They say, just follow our tried and true method for buying and selling (choose one) imported merchandise, real estate, surplus, useful data. Infomercials give the impression that a winning attitude is all anyone needs to get ahead.

It's true that a winning attitude is vital to enjoyment and success in life. Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut's commentary on Deuteronomy points to a parable by the 19th century Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. In sedrah R'eh, this week's portion, we learn that blessings and curses are to be pronounced upon entering the Land, the blessing on Mt. Gerizim, and the curse on Mt. Ebal. Gerizim presents a lush, green appearance, according to Hirsch, while Ebal is barren and bleak. They live one across from the other, these two mountains, and so they receive the same rain, the same dew, the same breezes and sunshine. Yet somehow Ebal remains coarse

and stunted, while Gerizim flowers forth.

The external factors are all the same, so there must be some unseen, internal factor of receptivity that makes Gerizim the mountain of blessing, while Ebal is the summit of the curse. So it is with people. Often people receive the same external circumstance in life, yet one manages to make a blessing of those circumstances, while the other leads a life that is barren and bleak. Inner receptivity to the possibility of blessing does, indeed, create a favorable difference. A winning attitude is important.

However, regardless of how positive the attitude, the expectation of immediate reward is foolish, indeed. Most people do not stumble onto immediate success, they simply stumble, paying their dues time and again, learning from each fall to walk with more competence.

The midrash Tanhuma tells a parable of an old man seated at the "Y" point of a highway where two roads diverged. One road was full of thorns at the beginning, but smooth and level at its end. The other appeared unobstructed, but it ended in a narrow alley of thorns and thistles. So the man sat at the fork in the road to caution travellers, saying "Even though the beginning of the road is full of thorns, follow it, for it will turn level in the end." Those who heeded his advice eventually rejoiced that their effort led finally to an easy journey. Those who chose the smooth path soon found themselves entangled in thorns and regret.

As Moses speaks of blessing and curse, he is pointing toward the end of his discourse, some 30 chapters later in Devarim. There he will remind us of the blessing and the curse,

and he will ask us to choose life that we may live with blessing.

No where does Moses offer a life of financial success and get-rich schemes. He suggests that the community, not the individual alone, will prosper if the Torah is observed. For Moses, the individual Jew wins when the community prospers, not when one particular person has achieved financial independence. Moses offers the people a difficult path that, if taken, is destined to become smooth and easy.

It's hard for contemporary people to think in such a communitarian pattern. The late Maurice Samuel, in his *The Gentleman and the Jew*, reminded us that our contemporary outlook on success has a lot to do with ancient Greek ideals of gamesmanship, an Olympic tradition. Add to that our British influence, particularly among those of us who speak English, and we find ourselves developing a tradition of the gentleman, who, win or lose, maintains his courtesy and his dignity. Still, no matter how gentlemanly, his ultimate goal is to win.

Not so the Jew, whose ultimate goal is to observe the Torah, to live a communal life under the guidance of the mitzvot, the commandments of Judaism. No infomercials will advertise this fact, but if we Jews would truly get rich quick, we ought to open our Tanach and begin reading. "Toire is der bester sechoira." Torah is, indeed, our greatest wealth, but the road to its understanding begins with an uphill climb among thorns.

The voice of experience, that wise old man at the divergence of the roads, reminds us that the dues are worth paying.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom in Montreal.

Plane crash kills six Israelis

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Federal investigators are looking into the crash of a private plane in which six Israelis living in the Los Angeles area lost their lives.

The dead included a couple about to be married and two brothers and their sister.

At least one of the victims was a member of the local Israel Flying Club, founded three years ago and consisting of 50 Israelis.

Moshe Benzioni, spokesman for the Israeli Consulate here, said his office had requested dental and fingerprint records from Israel to help the coroner's office confirm identification of some of the victims.

The crash of the rented, twin-engine Cessna 310 occurred last month as the plane approached the Lancaster Airport, about 70 miles north of Los Angeles.

According to Ori Fogel, president of the flying club, the victims were:

Israel Feldman, 34, the pilot and a member of the flying club; Orit Mor, 30, who came to the United States several months ago to marry Feldman; the Amrany brothers, Oren, about 26, and Alon, about 21, and their teenage sister, Tali; and Dafna Zachar, about 20 and Oren Amrany's girlfriend.

Feldman, an experienced pilot with 450 hours of flying time, and Mor, were to have been married on Aug. 8 and Mor's father had just arrived in New York from Israel on his way to the wedding, Fogel said.

After renting the plane at the Van Nuys, Calif., airport on Saturday, the group flew to Las Vegas and the next day flew on to the Grand Canyon. Flying home, the plane, for unexplained reasons, headed for Lancaster rather than taking a direct route to Los Angeles.

About five miles from Lancaster,

Feldman asked for and received clearance to land and reported no signs of distress. Coming in to the airport at an altitude of about 600 feet, the plane suddenly began spiraling and crashed nose down, just short of the runway, according to eyewitnesses cited by Fogel and the National Transportation Safety Board.

A Safety Board spokesman said that the preliminary investigation showed there was no evidence of fuel in the plane's tanks, but he would not say whether the crash was related to the lack of fuel.

Investigators also said that none of the aircraft's external components had been detached before the crash, that the landing gear had been down, the landing lights extended and that the engines were apparently running normally.

A fund to help to return the bodies of the victims to their homeland has been started by a local Chabad rabbi.



Front Line

Polish-Jewish relations can't be painted in one hue

By MALGORZATA DZIEDUSZYCKA

In reading the article by Dee Kramer (*CJN*, June 10, 1993) on the visit of Jewish students to Poland, I was discouraged and deeply offended to be reminded that my country continues to be defined solely in terms of anti-Semitism, and that a very one-sided portrait of Polish-Jewish relations is invariably presented.

Prof. Yakub Goldberg of the Hebrew University in Israel, addressing an international conference on Polish-Jewish relations held last year in Warsaw, said "the present flood of Holocaust literature" adversely affects Jewish understanding of Poland and Poles.

Goldberg, a survivor of the Lodz Ghetto, said Poland is regarded only as the country in which Jews from throughout Europe perished, while the fact that Poland was the country where Jews had been granted rights wider than in any other country, and where the world's largest Jewish population lived and flourished for hundreds of years, is "pushed into the background."

I don't know how much the students know about my country.

I'm certain they know that the dead they came

to honor perished in wartime Poland, when it was occupied by Germany and erased from the world map, even though Germany was not even mentioned in *The CJN* article and the only antipathy expressed was towards Poles.

But do the students know that more individual Poles have been honored by Yad Vashem for rescuing Jews than people of any other country in German-occupied Europe, even though Poland was the only country in which such a "crime" was punishable by death?

Are they aware that more than 3 million Polish Christians also lost their lives at the hands of the Germans, including entire families who were executed for assisting Jews?

Is it clear in their minds that not only the camps, but also the Warsaw, Lodz and other ghettos, were established by the occupying power and that before the fall of Poland, Jews like other Poles lived wherever they chose?

When it comes to Poland, it seems to me that both Jewish visitors and much of the Western media seek out and report on any signs of anti-Semitic activity, including graffiti, though this noxious blight can be found in all Western countries. Inevitably the intolerant minority is highlighted, to the exclusion of the attitudes and

behavior of the moral majority.

This is most unethical and unfair. It distorts Polish history, denying the unique conditions of tolerance and understanding that made Poland a haven for Jews of the Diaspora and which resulted in the establishment of the world's largest population of Jews who were free to develop a vibrant Jewish culture over almost 1,000 years.

It is important that the recent agreement reached between President Lech Walesa of Poland and then President Chaim Herzog of Israel to promote contacts between the youth of their countries be implemented.

And it is crucial that Jewish visitors to Poland not be prepared for the trip by remarks such as those made last year by Abraham Hirschon, the international chair of the March of the Living who, when he spoke of the Poles, said "You will hate them."

Yes, there are anti-Semites in Poland. What country is without bigotry and racism? But hatred is odious wherever it is found and at whomever it is directed.

In the West, and perhaps most particularly in long-democratic North America, vast amounts of time, effort and money have been expended during the last few decades to educate, and in a sense reshape, society in matters concerning tolerance.

And there was much to be done, such as the final and complete emancipation of the blacks in the United States; the repeal of the Exclusion Act (in 1947) in Canada; compensation to Japanese-Canadians for their inhumane treatment during World War II; and the removal of quotas on Jewish and other minority students in universities in Canada and the U.S. And we all know that there is still more work to be done here.

Poland, emerging from almost 50 years of domination by the communists and their brutal masters in the former Soviet Union, is far from perfect. What country or people has achieved the goal of perfection?

But now that Poland is a free and democratic society, we are striving to achieve the same goals of respect and tolerance for all. Our will to do so is stated in our constitution which promises freedom, justice and equality to all.

Please consider this as an invitation to talk together. I would sincerely like to meet with any Jewish groups of students or others so that we may come up with a way to better understand each other as a basis for mutual respect and cultural harmony.

(Malgorzata Dzieduszycka is Consul General of Poland in Montreal.)

Syria has a vested interest in restoring peace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The guns fell silent on July 31, thus ending seven days of war in southern Lebanon and northern Israel. The question now, in the wake of the worst fighting in the area since the 1982 Israeli invasion, is whether the calm will prevail.

Israel launched Operation Accountability, its intensive artillery and aerial bombardment, after Katyusha rockets landed in the Galilee and seven Israeli soldiers were killed in its self-declared security zone within a two-week period.

Taking responsibility for the attacks were Hezbollah (Party of God), supported and financed by the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Iran, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine: General Command, led by Ahmed Jabril. Both groups reject the current Madrid peace process, as well as Israel's very existence.

The purpose of Operation Accountability, Israel's third major assault in southern Lebanon since Operation Litani 1978, was to create a refugee problem and thus force the Lebanese government to crack down on Hezbollah, whose rockets had been raining down on Israel and the security zone.

In the face of Israel's heavy barrage, which killed some 130 people and badly damaged scores of villages, upwards of 300,000 Lebanese fled northward to Beirut.

The Lebanese government, which is still trying to put Lebanon back together after 15 years of civil war, panicked and called on its big brother, Syria, to stop the mounting chaos.

Syria, through whose territory Hezbollah supply lines pass, conferred with its Persian ally, Iran, and they agreed that the situation had gotten out of hand.

It was left to the United States to arrange the understanding that stopped the violence, which took the lives of two Israeli residents in Kiryat Shemona and an Israeli soldier serving in the security zone.

There is reason to believe that this truce may endure.

All the parties, with the notable exception of Iran and Hezbollah, have a vested interest in restoring peace and maintaining stability.

Syria, the chief power broker in Lebanon, has probably reached the conclusion that Hezbollah operations targeting Israel are counter-productive. For the past decade, Syria has tolerated Hezbollah bases in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley as a way of exerting pressure on Israel to vacate the security zone and the Golan Heights.

Weaponry, bought and paid for by Iran, was shipped to Hezbollah via Syria. As late as July 15, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency reported, anti-tank rockets and a range of other weapons from Iran were unloaded at Damascus airport for trans-shipment to the Bekaa Valley.

During Operation Accountability, however, Syria blocked Hezbollah's arms routes into Lebanon, as the Syrian leadership held emergency talks with the Iranian foreign minister in Damascus.

In the future, Syria may well countenance low-intensity Hezbollah attacks against the Israeli army and its surrogate, the South Lebanon Army,

in the security zone. Syria, after all, wants to push Israel out of that enclave. But Syria is unlikely to let Hezbollah dictate strategy. And Syria will certainly not allow Hezbollah to attack settlements in Israel.

Syria's motives are not hard to discern. Syria does not want to derail the current peace process, which holds out the promise of a phased Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

Syria also wants to improve its shaky relationship with the United States, one of the co-sponsors of the peace talks, and to remove its name from an American list of states supporting international terrorism.

It's clear that Syrian President Hafez Assad is willing to jeopardize his ties with Iran in order to achieve these goals. It should also be noted that Assad is not terribly fond of Islamic fundamentalism, which is loudly espoused by Hezbollah. It will be recalled that the Syrian army mercilessly crushed an Islamic revolt in Hama in the early 1980s.

As part of the ceasefire, Lebanon plans to deploy its army in southern Lebanon. This is a significant development. It means that Lebanon, with Syria's approval, is ready to take responsibility for security in the region contiguous to the Israeli border, a role it abdicated with the start of the civil war in 1975.

Operation Accountability showed Lebanon — and Syria — that if Hezbollah is allowed to spin out of control, the consequences can be deadly. As expected, the Lebanese villagers who were temporarily displaced by Israel's action vented

anti-Israel rhetoric. But significantly enough, they also voiced anger at Hezbollah, whose operations needlessly exposed them to relentless Israeli shelling.

Operation Accountability is nothing new in Israel's arsenal.

After the 1967 Six Day War, Palestinian guerrillas opened up a front in the Jordan Valley with King Hussein's acquiescence. Israel responded by launching attacks against Jordanian villages along or near the Jordan River. Eventually, King Hussein was compelled to rein in the PLO. Since then, with few exceptions, Israel's border with Jordan has been quiet.

In southern Lebanon — which has been a flash-point since the 1970-71 Jordanian civil war, when King Hussein shut down PLO operations and sent thousands of Palestinians fleeing to Lebanese territory — Israel is hoping to achieve a similar objective.

But, as Israel knows from bitter experience, Lebanon is a hard nut to crack. In the past two decades, Israel has launched numerous retaliatory raids into Lebanon, without avail. Even its security zone has not squelched guerrilla incursions.

Operation Accountability has dampened anti-Israel fires in southern Lebanon. But the smoldering coals which have caused so many conflagrations there in recent years can only be doused if Israel and its Arab neighbors can sign a peace treaty.

Only then can forces like Hezbollah be tamed, once and for all.

Egypt turning Sinai desert into tourist mecca

By GIL SEDAN

A little more than a decade after Israel withdrew from the last strip of the Sinai desert as agreed to under the Camp David peace treaty, Egypt has developed a tourism industry on the peninsula with a potential for tremendous growth in the future.

The swath of desert that had long been thought of as a strategic asset when figuring out the Israeli-Egyptian military balance has now become more of an economic asset, threatening to take away business from Israel's own resorts.

In the past five years, Egyptians have worked hard at building the eastern coast of the peninsula into a major tourism resort, aimed at competing with famous tourism centres such as Agadir in Morocco, the Canary Islands of Spain, and, of most concern to Israel, the resort town of Eilat, located, like Sharm al-Sheikh, on the Red Sea.

Standing in front of the modern Hilton Feyrouz Hotel at Sharm al-Sheikh, the director-general of Hilton operations in Sinai, Claude Chesnais of France, said his company is basing its future operations on the assumption that a regional peace agreement is just around the corner.

Consequently, the company is building two new hotels along this beautiful 140-mile stretch of golden sand and crystal-clear blue waters, the site of a string of coral reefs and islands providing some of the most spectacular underwater scenery and richest marine life in the world.

Hilton is now opening a casino at its Taba

hotel, just at the border crossing with Israel. As with Sharm al-Sheikh, Taba was returned to Egypt, but years after Israel had developed it into a resort.

Israel turned over to Egypt an already fully functioning vacation paradise, including the hotel, which was purchased by Hilton.

The development in Taba alone has raised growing concern among nearby Eilat hoteliers.

"We are concerned that people will spend the night in Eilat but will spend their money in Taba," said Rafi Hochman, the mayor of Eilat.

The Egyptians, notorious for being mired in bureaucratic red tape, seemed to have pushed aside all the formalities when they planned the future of the Sinai beaches.

Within five years, Na'ama Bay, just north of the town of Sharm al-Sheikh, has become the site of luxury hotels, along with economy-class hotels, many offering deals of an average of \$50 a night per couple.

Palm trees planted along the beach, along with other greenery, has turned the place into an attractive combination of green, blue and golden sands.

A multitude of restaurants, varying in their fare from Middle Eastern food to Oriental and Italian food, provide the tourist with a wide selection.

Some 70 percent of the tourists come here for scuba diving; others just want to lie by the water and relax.

Even so, those tourists who seek action around the clock can find it easily.

Local travel companies offer jeep trips to the colorful Sinai mountains, which reach almost all

the way to the coast.

Other offers include day-and-night hikes in the mountains, escorted by Bedouins and their camels.

The town itself comes alive with activity as soon as the sun disappears in the mountains, with discotheques playing the latest pop music. Small open-air coffeehouses are filled with young people from all over the world.

Sharm al-Sheikh differs from many other resorts in that it relies heavily on young tourists, some of whom spend their nights at nearby shacks for as little as \$3 a night.

The resort is aimed directly at attracting the Israeli tourism market. On average, a third of the tourists come from Israel, drawn by prices and facilities highly competitive with those in Israel.

Egypt, which in the past year has lost a third of its annual stream of tourists owing to attacks by Muslim fundamentalists, is making a particular effort to develop tourism in Sinai, where most of the population is composed of the traditionally hospitable Bedouins.

Uri Weiser and Shuki Preminger drove to Sharm al-Sheikh in their own car from Eilat. The first night they spent in a shack at Sharks Bay, along with other young tourists.

"We wanted to feel linked with the earth," Weiser said.

The next night they moved up, to the Hilton. Comfort was apparently also a goal.

"We feel much more in common with the Egyptians and Bedouin here than we have felt, for example, with the Swiss and Germans when touring Europe," said Preminger.

"They make such an effort to make you feel good that you feel like it's almost a family. It is not the regular relationship between tourists and those who serve them," he said.

For Israelis, the visit to Sharm al-Sheikh also has its emotional difficulties. This is the site of the Israeli-built town of Ofira, which until 1973 Israelis believed they would never leave.

The late Defence Minister Moshe Dayan made a statement at the time which he later learned to regret: "Better Sharm al-Sheikh without peace than peace without Sharm al-Sheikh." The housing complex which had served Israeli officers now serves as an extension of the Hilton. Other parts of the former Israeli town now house Egyptian families, who make a living off the local tourism industry.

Israelis also have not forgotten how in October 1985 an entire Israeli family was shot to death while relaxing on the Ras Burka beach, halfway between Sharm al-Sheikh and Eilat.

A final concern of tourists is the poor health facilities.

Although there are two private clinics to handle diving accidents, there is no hospital here. Acute health cases must be driven or flown to the El-Tur hospital, some 62 miles away on the western coast of the peninsula, or to Eilat, across the border with Israel.

But despite these reservations, Israelis who vacation here leave thrilled.

"This is all we need in a vacation," said Armond Sharon, a police officer from Jerusalem. "As far as we are concerned, this is the essence of the peace treaty with Egypt."

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A higher court

It was a remarkable day for the Israeli judicial system. On July 29, Israel's Supreme Court rendered a courageous, if controversial, judgment by acquitting John Demjanjuk, who had been convicted of being the infamous Ivan the Terrible, the sadistic concentration camp guard who had physically abused Jews as they were led to their hapless deaths in Treblinka. Deported to Israel from the United States in 1986, Demjanjuk was found guilty, and sentenced to death, after an emotionally-scarring trial. He appealed and, in his solitary cell in a prison near Tel Aviv, he awaited a final verdict.

In handing down their decision, the justices agreed that Demjanjuk, while not Ivan the Terrible, was nevertheless tainted by his association with the Nazi murderers. Captured as a Red Army soldier by the Wehrmacht in 1942, he was trained as a concentration camp guard at Trawniki. Demjanjuk was put to work as a guard in the Sobibor, Flossenburg and Regensburg death camps, where hundreds of thousands of Jews perished.

During the course of his trial, five concentration camp survivors identified Demjanjuk as Ivan the Terrible. Demjanjuk persistently claimed that he was innocent, and his lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, argued that it was a clear-cut case of mistaken identity.

In the meantime, new information from the old Soviet Union surfaced. Sworn testimonies by 37 former Treblinka guards and forced laborers alleged that the real Ivan the Terrible was in fact Ivan Marchenko, who bore little resemblance to Demjanjuk and who disappeared in 1944.

With this compelling evidence in hand, the five justices of the Supreme Court were forced to decide whether to believe the concentration camp survivors or the now-deceased individuals who had known Ivan the Terrible in Treblinka.

In presenting the court's verdict, Chief Justice Meir Shamgar cleared Demjanjuk because of "reasonable doubt" concerning his identity as Ivan the Terrible. And since the case against Demjanjuk revolved around his alleged service in Treblinka, rather than in Sobibor, Flossenburg or Regensburg, the court had no legal recourse but to declare Demjanjuk a free man.

Demjanjuk is still being held, pending a decision on whether to charge him with other war crimes. But is Israel really prepared to submit itself to the rigors of yet further proceedings? Such a process could take years, and Demjanjuk is already 73. That is the difficult question Israel's attorney-general faces in the days ahead.

Whatever his decision, there is another high court Demjanjuk must eventually face, and to which the Israeli Supreme Court justices deferred. "The complete truth," they wrote, "is not the prerogative of the human judge."

Getting it right

In the last couple of years the German government has done a lot of things wrong.

It underestimated the cost of integrating East Germany into its polity and economy, with devastating consequences for the social fabric of the united country.

It ignored, for a long time, neo-Nazi and skinhead assaults against Turks and other visible minorities in Germany.

When it finally reacted to those outrages, the German government, instead of vigorously prosecuting perpetrators of racist violence, capitulated to their demagoguery by forcing through legislation tightening immigration laws.

Now, however, the German government has finally done something right, according to *The Christian Science Monitor*, which reports (July 6) that the German federal government along with state governments has given the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum an initial grant of \$11.8 million to maintain the grounds in which an estimated 1.5 million Jews and a half a million gentiles were murdered by the Nazis.

Monies from Germany will be used to install air conditioning in the main exhibition buildings and "create onsite workshops to preserve the vast number of documents and prisoners' personal belongings."

Part of the funds will be used to protect the 150 buildings still standing (out of the original 300) at Auschwitz-Birkenau because they have been subjected to corrosion and seepage. In addition, the museum will uncover the roads, walkways, funeral pyres and ditches which crisscrossed the original camp grounds.

The German government has, through its assistance to the Auschwitz-Birkenau fund, shown its understanding of the need to memorialize the martyred millions of Nazi neo-barbarism. It is to be hoped that Germans, among other Europeans, will go to Auschwitz to see first hand the result of insensate hatred and the teaching of contempt for other races and religions.



A WELCOME BREAK

Israeli women soldiers take advantage of a free call home from their position near Israeli's northern border with Lebanon. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

JEWS IN QUEBEC

Steven Cummings has said many things in his note about Quebec, many of them contradictory. However, he finally manages to spit out the dreaded "I" word — "independence" — in the very last sentence.

Independence may very well be "silly and foolish" to Cummings, but a significant number of francophones in Quebec are taking it quite seriously and would consider his airy dismissal as insulting. This next provincial election will mostly be a referendum about separation, and I believe the separatists will win. If so, and if one can believe Parizeau (and in this case, I do) Quebec will separate sometime before the end of 1995.

Separation will bring to the fore all those forces — social, economic and political, that will benefit one way or the other from independence. Quebec will turn in on itself as it did after their unsuccessful and brutally repulsed Rebellion in 1837-8. At that time it saw itself as rejected and defeated in its attempt to live in its own way. Now, after Meech Lake, they see themselves as rejected by the Rest Of Canada — again. As then, it will become much more ethnocentric, national and xenophobic.

There is no good news in this for the Jewish community in Quebec. Nationalism and xenophobia have always spelt trouble for our people anywhere in the world. Separation will intensify the latent anti-Semitism in that province. Though I do not foresee a repetition of the 1930s in Germany, if I were a Jewish Quebecer, and if Parizeau wins the election, I would run, not walk to the nearest border.

Marvin Fremes
Toronto

SAY SHOWBOAT IS RACIST

As a group of concerned Jewish feminists, we are writing to voice our support for the boycott of the upcoming production of *Showboat* at the North York Performing Arts Centre. We share with the black communities of Toronto the belief that this musical is racist.

The black community had been trying to raise the *Showboat* issue in the media but had made no further headway than the Entertainment Section. It was only after Stephanie Payne's remarks that it moved to the front page. This was the impetus for the Jewish community to take notice and we reacted with anger and fear that anti-Semitism had reared its head in such a public way.

Our Jewish feminist group felt that, though we would not dismiss our concerns about the anti-Semitism, we needed to understand the issues that affected the black communities. We feel that one aspect of the frustration and anger felt by them was that we Jews, as another oppressed group in our society, did not immediately offer support. Another source of anger is that now the media has chosen to highlight the anti-Semitism while the anti-black racism is still being ignored.

We want to break away from that dead end where blacks and Jews are continually being played off one another, as is so clearly portrayed in the media. This conveniently deflects attention and diverts energy away from the real issues at stake. *Showboat* provides us with the opportunity to build bridges between the black and Jewish communities.

The most effective way to express our outrage is to boycott the upcoming production, en masse. To any groups who have chosen *Showboat* as a fundraising vehicle, we hope that they will reconsider. We urge everyone to conscientiously demonstrate that cultural injustice in any form is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

M. Melnick
and the other 20 members of the
Jewish Feminist Political Action
Group
Toronto

REVIEWS RABIN'S RECORD

Yeshayahu Anug (8 July) reviewed the Israeli government's year in office "as not doing too badly." I fear that his source of information is Labor Party headquarters. I will point out four glaring errors.

1. "Rabin has reversed the financial

priorities of his predecessors." The country is presently in one of the worst economic strikes ever.

2. Rabin "obtained" U.S. loan guarantees. This is nonsense. They were given to anyone in government not from the Likud party.

3. "It invests in road construction" — have you heard of the Ayalon highway and many others planned and constructed by the Likud government?

4. "It has restored education to preferential status." This is a joke. The education ministry has changed hands during this year for coalition-saving reasons.

Having just returned from Israel, I have never seen so many anti-government banners, posters and stickers whether referring to defence or economic policies. The largest and longest demonstration ever has just occurred in Jerusalem over Rabin's broken election promise of not returning the Golan Heights. For the first time ever, the president has accepted an official opposition dossier documenting the government's failings.

Please, Anug, admit that Rabin is a failure, as he was when he was prime minister in the 1970's.

Michael Wilschanski
Toronto

COMMENDS EDA HAREDIT

In response to the question Bert Raphael raised in a letter to the editor (The Pepsi Case, *CJN*, July 29) asking whether the Eda Haredit is as selective and as discriminating in its fundraising as it is in issuing hechshers, the answer is a resounding yes!

Indeed, it is not only the Eda Haredit that would not accept money from Sabbath desecrators, deniers of Torah or idol worshippers, no kosher Torah organization or leader would. Our history is replete with stories and anecdotes of G'ddei HaTorah, even in dire straits, refusing non kosher money to support kosher causes.

Whether Raphael would agree with their doing so, is not the issue. The point is, truly observant Torah leaders strive to perfect consistency in belief and in action.

And that means, Raphael, that they certainly are discriminating about who they accept funds from. Every bit as discriminating as they are about issuing a hechsher. In this day and age, it is a welcome relief to know that there are some who will stand by their principles and hold fast to them in spite of the lure of easy profits. The Eda Haredit are to be commended.

Esther Yocheved
Montreal

Opinion

Pilgrimage to Israel always a good idea

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

There is an old saw which goes as follows:

Question: Where are you going this winter?

Answer: To where my people are.

Question: Ah, you are going to Israel?!

Answer: No, I am going to Florida.

Unfortunately the joke is not really funny any more. The percentage of Jews who over the last 45 years have gone to visit Israel is far smaller than those who visit Florida or other warm climes.

Some think that the rising costs of travelling across the ocean play a role — but it doesn't seem to hold back the thousands of Jewish people who pay exorbitant prices for cruises of all types and destinations.

Fear does play a role. It is true, unfortunately, that Arab terror has killed innocent bystanders and not just members of the Israeli Defence Forces. It is also true that Israel's crowded highways have more than their portion of accidents.

But it is also a fact that these anxieties are

fueled by our media which make one believe that Israel is a country ablaze with warfare and bloodshed.

If you stop for a moment and imagine what would happen if the media in Europe, Asia, or for that matter Israel, would report day after day the murders and other killings as well as the traffic accidents that happen in the United States, the whole world would consider that country the last place they would wish to visit. But obviously people don't react that way because the press does not report on the United States in this fashion.

Certainly, innocent visitors occasionally do get hurt (as they do in Canada), but North America remains a favorite land which people want to see and explore.

So then, if it is true that Tel Aviv is safer than New York or Washington (which it is), why have only 8-10 percent of all the Jews in North America ever visited Israel? My wife and I try to go to Israel once a year, so why can't more of the readers of this column go at least once in a

lifetime.

You may say that you are really too old to travel about and too insecure in another country to venture the trip. But there are a multitude of groups and organizations as well as travel agencies that will make you part of a group, and you have a choice of fascinating programs that will appeal to your particular cultural or social proclivities.

And now I see that there is even a special program for active retirees, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Canada. This coming winter they will sponsor programs lasting

two months each: one, centred in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; another, in Eilat and Jerusalem; and a third, in Ashkelon and Jerusalem. The very reasonable cost of this kind of programming includes everything from airfare and accommodations to full board (three meals daily), health insurance, transportation to community work which you will be able to do, guides and tips. The flyer which I have seen confronts you with the pertinent challenge I have raised above: "You



Rabbi Plaut

have tried Florida and Palm Springs — now try the sunshine of Israel." If you are interested, do call your Jewish National Fund office, and they will give you all the details.

Which brings me to my last item. For the longest time — some 20 years or more — I have advocated the introduction of a new mitzvah-like obligation: that every Jew owes it to himself/herself to visit Israel at least once in a lifetime. If some want to engage in a higher form of commitment, let them make it once every seven years. If we would make this popular, and tell our children about it from the time they get Jewish instruction, the number of people going to Israel and identifying themselves with its fate would swell immeasurably.

The Muslims have their hegira and it serves them well, for it binds them to their tradition. In biblical times every Jew was obligated to visit Jerusalem three times a year during the chagim (the three pilgrim festivals: Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot). The time for pilgrimage has never passed, and this is as good an opportunity to think about your next sunshine trip in a more constructively Jewish fashion.

World community gets taste of its own intifada

By RABBI ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

A small platoon of armed soldiers, outnumbered by a hostile crowd. The only thing they have in common is anger for previous losses. Verbal taunts, threatening gestures, rising tension. A shot rings out, from somewhere, from someone. Chaos.

And when it's all over, the dead and wounded litter the ground.

The claims, and counterclaims begin. The locals accuse the occupying forces of a massacre. The foreign troops accuse the local "warlord" of deliberate incitement, of "ambush" and "murder," as well as of the heartless use of women and children as "human shields."

Journalists start asking painful questions. They have seen the contrast between the primitively armed locals and the outsiders with their high technology weapons. And they have seen the dead... that much is clear.

Seeing what truly goes on in the mind of soldiers and warlords is another matter.

Is this a case of "colonial brutality"? Or is it merely "guerilla theatre"? Who, if anyone, is lying? And what is it really all about? Protests mount in the streets, and with it mounts the threat of a repetition. The flags of the enemy burn, while military helicopters hover overhead. The local leader is praised by some as a loving father-figure, maligned by others as a thug, not a hero. Weird role reversals confuse the issue. The "forces of democracy" find themselves suddenly shutting down a radio station that had been inciting the local population against "the totalitarian enemy." A journalist asks: "Is it now your policy to shut down every radio station that disagrees with you?" How shall it be understood? Censorship? Repression? Or a legitimate act of self-defence necessitated by the precarious security situation?

And what now? On the one hand, fear of "a deteriorating situation." On the other hand, an insistence on the importance of law and order. And the fight for hearts and minds begins, or rather, moves to centre stage. One side relies on a potent combination: evocative human images — mourners, wounded children, contrasts between soldiers and civilians — and the press. The other side relies on words, words like "humanitarian mandate," "resolutions," and "authorization" for "aggressive action against perpetrators." The outcome, in the arena of public opinion, is far from clear.

Who are we talking about? Palestinians and Israelis? No. Not this time. Today it's Somalis and UN peacekeepers.

World, welcome to the intifada.

The similarities between what is now occurring in Somalia (all the above-mentioned quotes are real, used to describe the recent blowup between Pakistani UN forces and General Mohamed Farah Aidede) and what has gone on in Israel for the past five years are striking. It is however, the differences which are more revealing.

One difference is the attitude of UN secretary general Boutros Boutros-Ghali. As regards the original, Palestinian, intifada, he was as clear as he was predictable. The Israelis were aggressors, in violation of internationally accepted principles of human rights. Palestinian behavior was entirely legitimate, and certainly understandable. Israeli explanation for their actions, including their international legal obligation to maintain law and order in occupied territory, fell on deaf ears.

It is therefore not without a certain irony that we now hear Boutros-Ghali repeating Israel's arguments verbatim. Aidede, claims Ghali, used "civilian crowds, including women and children... as human shields to screen attacks."

It seems we've heard that before, since it was the leadership of the intifada, and gradually the

PLO, that perfected the technique of using human shields. The only difference is that Ghali's nemesis is Aidede, while Israel's is Yasser Arafat, a man who has never been called a warlord, least of all by the secretary general of the United Nations.

Another difference is equally important, but harder to perceive. Rather than a presence, it is an absence — the absence of serious sounding, but ultimately empty and pretentious, psychologizing about the "unique" qualities of the conflict and the parties to it. No cheap smears are being directed against the Pakistani soldiers "who, after having suffered so much, should not be guilty of doing the same thing to innocent Somalis." There is as of yet no hysteria about the United Nations being "in danger of losing its soul." The fact is that a Somali intifada goes on, all the same.

With tragic clarity, the reality of the situation is revealed: intifada, or something frighteningly like it, is and will remain the weapon of choice whenever a confrontation occurs between highly-armed Western forces and third-world populations whose ethics of war include neither the Geneva Convention nor the Marquis of Queensbury rules.

The possibility of intifada-like riots increases in accordance with two factors: the civility of the occupying force and the extent of press coverage of the conflict. Intifada violence would never work with Nazis, or with a non-Western army. It needs an opponent who can show restraint, like UN troops — or Israelis — to succeed.

Nor would it work if the fuel of publicity were not there to feed the flames. The press is naturally not responsible for the violence, per se. But without the media present, the violence takes a more common form, in which hatred for the enemy is not subjected to systematic manipulation for propaganda purposes.

A striking confirmation of the press' role in

shaping intifada violence came from an editorial in the prestigious *New York Times* regarding the shooting deaths of Somali civilians by Pakistani UN troops during a street riot. It condemned the "obviously rattled" Pakistani troops, as if troops being fired upon by snipers should act like Robocop, bullets bouncing off their impervious armor. The editorial went on to condemn the Pakistanis for attacking "precisely the wrong target: women, children and civilian demonstrators" — as if the Pakistanis consciously chose them as victims.

Without the slightest trace of self-irony, the *Times* continued by pointing out that "the Pakistanis' grievous error handed a propaganda windfall" to Aidede, a windfall that the editorial compounded. The *Times* was not unaware of the motive behind Aidede's actions, which "it described as a clear attempt to 'portray himself as a victim.'" But the *Times* holds the Pakistanis, the United Nations, and ultimately the Western world, responsible for the tragedy.

And that is a lesson which every warlord, everywhere, has learned, first in the Palestinian intifada and now in Somalia. One can only ask, where next?

There is, in the comparison of two intifadas, a last difference which should not be ignored. The UN peacekeeping force in Somalia, on a purely humanitarian mission, killed 23 civilians and wounded countless others in that incident, which was followed by high-intensity shelling and rocket attacks, killing still more.

For the Israelis, by contrast, the intifada has been part of a continuing life-and-death struggle. But no incident in the five-year history of the intifada, including the Temple Mount massacre, comes remotely close to the blood shed on the streets of Mogadishu just the other day.

The comparison is telling. The extent to which it is made, or ignored, will be telling as well.

Retailers must remember the basics of commerce

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Like most mothers, I spend a fair amount of time shopping. I don't mean wandering at leisure through elegant dress shops deciding whether charrreuse or peach will be chic this year. I mean hitting the grocery store, the pharmacy, the produce stand and the kosher meat market in time to pick the kids up and get dinner cooked.

Shopping isn't my favorite activity, but I might like it better if I believed that the stores were fulfilling their innate purpose — selling stuff — with more enthusiasm and good sense.

For instance, I recently tried to buy my daughter a small penknife to take to camp. It was perfect. Miniature, with a thin short blade, ingenious tiny scissors, a little nail file and, inserted cleverly in the shank, tweezers and a toothpick. She loved it. It was small enough to be safe and well made enough to be efficient for camping. It was at the very top of a two-sided display case featuring a dozen or more red-handled pocket knives.

I told the clerk that we wanted to buy the knife.

"We are out of that knife," she said.

"Oh, well," I answered, "then I'll buy the one on the display."

"You can't," she said, "that would ruin the display."

"But why display something you don't have available for sale?" I asked. "If you don't have any other knives like that, you don't need to display it."

"Taking it out would ruin the display," she insisted. Silly me, I thought her job was to sell knives. Her job, I now understood, was to display knives.

My mother has a similar war story about a supermarket produce manager who was standing on a foot stool stacking cantaloupes. As mother shopped for produce, she heard another woman ask the produce manager how to select a good cantaloupe.

"I can't help you now," he told her, looking down from his ladder. "Can't you see that I'm busy?"

She walked away, the victim of the same misunderstanding that affected me. She had thought

the man was there in order to sell cantaloupes. Wrong. He was clearly there only to stack cantaloupes.



Erica Meyer Rauzin

The stories mount up, like melons in a pyramid. Mother also recalls trying to order scrambled eggs and toast in a restaurant at lunch time. The waitress told her they didn't serve scrambled eggs after noon.

"But you serve a scrambled egg sandwich," Mother said. "Just don't put the eggs on the bread."

"We can't serve scrambled eggs at lunch," the waitress insisted.

So Mother ordered the scrambled egg sandwich, on toast and separated the components when her plate arrived. She showed the waitress the eggs and bread, now side by side, and said, "You see, that's all I really wanted."

"Well, you got it," the waitress said, and walked away, another customer satisfied.

You've seen this happen before. Just remember the scene in *Five Easy Pieces* where, in order to get plain chicken salad, Jack Nicholson has

to order a chicken salad sandwich, "hold the bread." Clearly, these restaurants exist for some purpose other than selling food.

Customers often find an entirely different perspective when they deal with the owner of a shop or restaurant, the entrepreneur who knows that good fortune rises or falls upon the ability to make customers buy again and again. I gladly return to the yogurt shop where the lady behind the counter gave me ice for free; to the dress shop where the sales lady steams out any wrinkles in new purchases before handing them to me neatly hung up, not stuffed in a bag; to the butcher who sells me roast and always asks if I want a few extra soup bones. I'm not their biggest, richest customer, but I sure am steady.

Talmud itself enumerates the rules of commerce in great detail. The sages laid out the basics for solid relations between seller and buyer long before the age of cash registers, computers and inflexible menus. It isn't so tough; just offer your wares honestly, helpfully, and expect fair compensation for them.

In other words, get down off that ladder and hand the lady a cantaloupe.

Features

New realities change kibbutz

Sheldon Kirshner visits a kibbutz in the Wadi Ara region and finds out how it has been adapting to fresh, often hard realities.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Kibbutz Barkai, near Hadera, sits in a verdant valley several kilometres from the West Bank, off an ancient trade route plied by caravans heading north to what is now Lebanon and Syria.

Founded in 1948, during the War of Independence, Kibbutz Barkai has a membership of 230, excluding children. A significant proportion of its population is of Canadian origin. The kibbutzniks raise chickens, grow avocados, tend to a dairy herd and are the proprietors of a communal plastics factory and computer software company.

With its rolling lawns, shade trees and flower beds, Kibbutz Barkai imparts an air of prosperity. But this impression is deceptive. As a result of a financial crisis which has gripped virtually all of Israel's 270 kibbutzim since the mid-1980s, the kibbutz is deep in debt.

Yosef Perlman, a veteran member, claims that a variety of factors — notably high inflation and poor management — are responsible for the shape it's in today.

Until seven years ago, the kibbutz was bound by a seemingly immutable social contract. Members worked and, in return, received whatever they required at no cost. "You needed coffee, you got it," explained Shraga Artman, an eighth-generation Israeli on his mother's side. "You were trusted to take what you needed. Now you pay for everything."

Well, not exactly. Housing, health care, education and entertainment are still free. But under the new rules, adult members receive an annual allowance, a relatively modest sum, and with this they buy their own clothes, shoes, watches and furniture, and look after their own vacation plans. As well, telephone and electricity bills are solely their responsibility. Children, too, get a yearly stipend, the amount depending on their age.

The system is supposed to be fair, but it can be disadvantageous. "If you need something replaced, like furniture, you're in trouble because the allowance is insufficient," said Artman.

When the Israeli economy shifted from a reliance on agriculture to industry, Kibbutz Barkai built a plastics factory. "We realized that, in order to maintain our standard of living, we couldn't just do it with agriculture," Artman explained.

The plant, whose market is largely internal, began operations in 1971. It employs 90 workers, 25 of whom are non-members, including Israeli Arabs. To the kibbutzniks, the very notion of paid labor was a problem because it contravened the ethos of the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair movement, of which Kibbutz Barkai is a part.

Some members are still opposed to the idea, but gradually, it has gained acceptance. Those who embraced the concept reminded the hold-outs that the kibbutz had already broken with tradition by hiring farm laborers and taking on foreign volunteers.

In purely dollars-and-cents terms, the factory has been less than successful. Competition is fierce and profit margins are low and, consequently, it has been losing money in the past few years.

According to Artman, the factory was not run on sound principles. "We tried to create new economic realities, but the outside world has its own economic laws. You can't run a factory like a banana plantation. For example, we didn't lay off workers when we should have."

To save the factory from possible bankruptcy, the kibbutz recently established an external board of directors, a development that would have been inconceivable only a few short years ago.

In yet another effort to keep up with changing times, the kibbutz phased out the children's house and allowed kids to sleep under the same roof as their parents.

Children's houses were phased out during 1991 Gulf War

This shibboleth was broken during the 1991 Gulf War. With Iraqi Scud missiles falling on Israel, it was decided that everyone would be better off if parents and children shared the same quarters. To accommodate the inflow, parents' homes had to be expanded. "It cost an arm and a leg, at a time of difficult economic conditions," said Artman.

In his view, this change was inevitable. "New members who had joined the kibbutz, not necessarily for ideological reasons, were less attached to children's sleeping quarters than the oldtimers. And kids who had been raised on the kibbutz and had become parents also were not committed to it."

Artman, a keen observer of Kibbutz Barkai's changing social landscape, suggests that the whole notion of "communal togetherness," upon which kibbutzim are based, is under siege.

The *moadon*, the club where members meet and socialize each evening over coffee, is no longer such a focal point. The same can be said about the communal dining room.

This emerging inward trend was probably exacerbated by the introduction of cable TV in each member's house. "Gradually, things have become more individual and private," noted Artman.

Perlman regrets the incremental demise of the "collective spirit." As he put it: "The kibbutz has come to the conclusion that every person has to think of himself first. That's what happens in the outside world. It's a very negative phenomenon."

Not everyone, of course, agrees with Perlman's assessment. "The kibbutz is an evolving society," observed Dvora Snitz. "That it has evolved into a private collection of individuals who are shaping their lives is a positive development."

"A kibbutz which doesn't change will die," Artman added.

Despite all the changes, Snitz is convinced that the kibbutz is special. "It's still a society where members can give something of themselves to others."

In the future, Artman believes, members will earn regular salaries and, as in the city, pay taxes to the kibbutz in exchange for services. And kibbutzniks may even drive their own cars. At present, the kibbutz has a fleet of 25 automobiles.

Looking ahead, Snitz envisages the formation of private businesses within the kibbutz and the erosion of resistance to the acquisition of outside jobs. "Young kibbutzniks are not interested in becoming farmers and factory workers."

It's a new world out there, and the kibbutz is being swept up by it.



Shraga Artman of Kibbutz Barkai (Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Medical negligence suits increase

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Medical negligence suits have increased here by leaps and bounds over the last few years. Moreover the sums awarded in damages by local courts are now liable to be in the million-dollar range.

To be sure, the situation here is still far from that in the United States. Otherwise Israeli doctors couldn't obtain insurance protection for \$12,000 (U.S.) a year, a fraction of what American physicians pay. But that sum is several times higher than it used to be and medical organizations, as opposed to individual doctors, now have difficulty getting insurance at all.

It is still not quick or easy to win a medical negligence suit. To cite an extreme example, it took the Propata family 15 years to get the \$1 million they were recently awarded because their son suffered irreparable brain damage during his birth in a Tel Aviv-area hospital. More common is the four years it took for Haim Pargipor to be awarded \$1.6 million in compensation for the careless treatment he received at a Jerusalem hospital which paralyzed him from chest down and confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

In most cases damages are much lower, but the trend towards higher settlements is worrying Israeli doctors and the companies that insure them.

Less concerned, for obvious reasons, are local lawyers employed either by patients seeking compensation or doctors attempting to avoid such payments. Attorney Eli Zohar, for example, has defended hundreds of physicians and medical institutions.

When Zohar was asked to explain the increase in medical negligence suits, he attributed it "to a variety of factors, the most important of which is the fact that doctors are no longer treated as gods, who can do no wrong. Instead they are regarded as purveyors of a service, and if that service is unsatisfactory, people are as ready to sue physicians as they are to sue garages which fail to fix their cars or electrical goods stores that sell them faulty appliances. This is particularly the case," Zohar adds, "when they go to a doctor privately — often the case today — rather than seeing one employed by their medical insurance fund."

Also contributing to the rising number of medical negligence suits, according to Zohar, is the readiness of the Ministry of Health to investigate questionable treatment and of doctors to testify

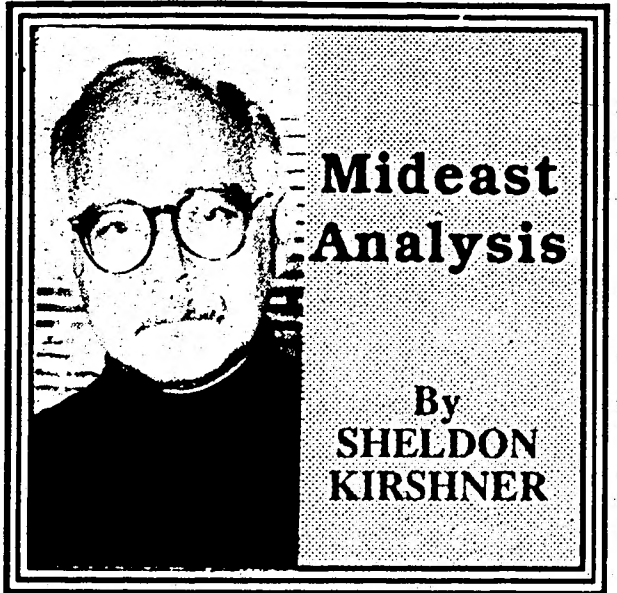
against their colleagues, which they refused to do until recently.

According to Prof. Joseph Shenker, chair of the Organization of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the situation here is beginning to resemble that in the United States and, "if the present trend continues, both the practice of medicine and the interests of the patient will suffer. Fees will increase [to cover insurance premiums] and money will be spent on compensation rather than on the improvement of medical care."

Several solutions have been offered, one of which has been discussed in the Knesset and seems acceptable to most physicians. It follows a pattern already adopted in regard to road accidents.

Until 1975, people injured in such accidents were only awarded compensation if they could prove that the other driver was responsible for their injury. But 18 years ago, a new law was passed whereby a person hurt received compensation regardless of responsibility.

The scheme — financed by compulsory insurance policies carried by vehicle owners — is workable because the level of compensation is strictly limited, meaning that injured parties get less than they probably would from the courts.



On the eve of Israel's seven-day bombardment of southern Lebanon last month, tension between Israel and Syria flared after seven Israeli soldiers were killed by Arab guerrillas in ambushes in Israel's self-declared security zone.

Israel warned Syria to restrain its support of the primary groups attacking Israeli troops — the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine: General Command and Hezbollah (Party of God).

These incidents, though troubling, were not as serious as those which rocked the foundations of Israel's relations with Syria in the past.

The period from 1978 to 1989, for example, was far more turbulent and unpredictable, all the more so because Israel and Syria were not talking peace but threatening war.

During that span, Israel and Syria were locked in "a complex confrontational relationship," writes Helena Cobban in her penetrating study, *The Superpowers and the Syrian-Israeli Conflict* (Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington, \$12.95 paperback). As a result of the Cold War, the United States and the Soviet Union were closely involved in that struggle — which, in the main, was played out in Lebanon.

• In 1978, Israel launched a mini invasion of Lebanon (Operation Litani) after Palestinian terrorists killed 37 Israeli civilians on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road. Syria — which has vital and Israeli-recognized interests in Lebanon — lambasted Israel but did not respond militarily.

• Three years later, the "missile crisis" erupted when Israel shot down a Syrian helicopter over Lebanese airspace, and Syria responded by moving SAM anti-aircraft batteries into Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

• In 1982, during the course of the Lebanon War, Israel and Syria clashed in the air and on land.

• In 1986, a Syrian agent, Nizar Hindawi, was caught trying to smuggle explosives aboard an El Al plane in London. If the bomb had gone off, this would have constituted a clear *casus belli* for Israel.

Israel's ties with Syria

During these years, the Israeli air force and army reacted to Arab incursions by attacking enemy bases in Lebanon. Once in a while, Syria scrambled its MiGs to engage Israeli planes.

Another salient feature of this period was Syria's effort to achieve "strategic parity" with Israel. If need be, Syria wanted to be able to face Israel on the battlefield on a one-to-one basis, rather than relying on a fickle Arab coalition.

Syria's president, Hafez Assad, visited Moscow in 1979 and concluded the largest arms deal to date between the two countries. Over the next few years, some 1,400 tanks, 200 combat aircraft, 2,000 armored vehicles and 1,700 artillery pieces were shipped to Syria.

On the political level, Syria and the Soviet Union drew still closer by signing a treaty of friendship and co-operation in 1980.

Soviet policy changed shortly after the accession to power of reformer Mikhail Gorbachev. Moscow toned down its support of Damascus and undertook a rapprochement with Israel.

In the meantime, Cobban argues, the United States modified its links with Israel from that of a moral commitment to one in which the Jewish state was viewed as a strategic asset.

In fact, Washington's policy had been moving in that direction since the 1967 Six Day War. Both Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon saw Israel as a bulwark against Soviet influence in the Middle East. But under the presidency of Ronald Reagan, this dimension became paramount.

After 1981, Israel and the United States signed the first of a series of strategic co-operation agreements, notwithstanding sharp disagreements over Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and its destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union, Cobban adds, made any real efforts to solve Israel's basic conflict with Syria. It seemed too intractable.

But it's worth noting that the disengagement pact on the Golan Heights, worked out by the United States in 1974 and supervised by the United Nations, was not violated by either side.

And Israel and Syria observed the so-called, U.S.-sponsored Red Lines agreements, which delineated spheres of influence in southern Lebanon.

Organizations and People

Hebrew U Friends drop Show Boat event

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University has dropped its plan to use the musical *Show Boat* as a fundraiser.

However, the Jewish Family & Child Service has decided to go ahead with its fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The board of the agency voted on the matter and a "significant majority" were in favor, said executive director Gordon Wolfe.

The board of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University made it clear it does not support the cancellation of the controversial show, which is to open the new North York Performing Arts Centre.

"We are opposed to any censorship which is not within the law," said president Steve Diamond.

Diamond explained that the board had signed up to use the musical as a fundraiser; before *Show Boat* became a public issue, the New Leadership division of the organization had set up a dialogue between its social action committee and about 25 young blacks.

Out of consideration for the "sensitivity" of the blacks involved in the dialogue, the Canadian Friends decided it did not want to raise money in this way, Diamond said.

Diamond told *The C/N* that he was "disappointed" that black leaders in the community have not disavowed the anti-Semitic remarks made by some blacks about *Show Boat* at public meetings.

The resolution passed by the board of Canadian Friends reads in part: "Canadian Friends abhors the anti-Semitic remarks expressed by some members of the Black community, and more importantly, the lack of public condemnation of these anti-Semitic remarks. The Canadian Friends also believes that continuing sensitivity and understanding between the Jewish and Black communities is necessary and to be encouraged."

It also states: "The Canadian Friends believes in the importance of freedom of expression and the rule of law in a democratic society. Any censorship must be based within the framework of our legal system, and therefore we cannot support the proposition that the musical *Show Boat* should be cancelled."

The group will honor its financial commitment to Livent, which is staging *Show Boat*. The tickets it guaranteed for its fundraising night, Wednesday, Oct. 27, will be sold at regular prices.

"I'm sure we will sell the tickets and get our money back," said Merle Goldman, chair of the Toronto region.

"We were in somewhat of a unique situation as we had this dialogue going on," said Diamond. "We had to wrestle with the issue."

The dialogue group, involving about 25 young blacks and 25 young Jews, meets once a month and is continuing, Diamond said. "Some of the people were genuinely concerned and said they suffered pain over the staging of this show."

Diamond said he had met with members of the Coalition to Stop *Show Boat* and it was his impression that "they are trying to distance themselves from the anti-Semitic remarks made."

In a statement of purpose given to Diamond, the Coalition states: "We believe that the mounting of this production transcends the concerns of the Black community and has become an issue of 'human decency'."

Relief supplies to Bosnia

TORONTO — A shipment of 2,200 kilograms of relief supplies donated by Toronto businesses is being transported to the former Yugoslavia to help alleviate the suffering of those caught in the civil war.

The shipment is the second airlift of clothing and pharmaceuticals flown from Toronto for distribution on a non-sectarian basis. The first took place in January.

The relief effort was organized by the world Jewry and international affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The donors of supplies include: Apotex Inc.; Dylex Ltd.; Grand National Trousers Inc.; York Manufacturing and Silk Screening Co.; Czigler Imports Co. and Marci Lipman Inc.

"The shipments are a sign of solidarity of Ontario Jewry with those suffering as a result of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia," said Gerda Friberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region.

"We are grateful to the Toronto firms for their generosity," added Bernard Gert, president of the federation.

Singles mingle at Tu B'Av bash

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — In the days of the Second Temple, the daughters of Jerusalem, dressed in white, danced in the vineyards outside the city on the festival of Tu B'Av (the 15th day of Av). Their male counterparts looked on with the intention of choosing a bride from among the dancers.

Now, some 2,500 years later, ancient celebrations of Tu B'Av have been revived in an altered format.

The Jewish Community Centre's North Y branch was the site of Toronto's recent fifth annual Tu B'Av festival party. Despite the threat of rain, 900 people attended the outdoor barbeque and dance and were rewarded with dry weather, excepting a brief, light rainfall, and a party that went on until almost 1 a.m.

The outdoor setting was one of the few remnants of the original mode of celebration. Dancing — to the music of the Nu-Rhythm Band — was definitely a part of the evening, but not for women only.

Despite the crowd there was a relaxed mingling of people, most of whom ranged in age from mid-20s to mid-40s. "I think people hope to

meet someone, but you have to come with the attitude that you just want to have a good time," said a thirtysomething woman who declined to have her name mentioned.

While there was still enough light to read, Steve Buchin shared a table with Israeli-born Gretta Green for an impromptu Hebrew lesson over a copy of Hebrew-language newspaper Hamokomon. "I'm old enough to be his mother," she said.

tioned that they meet few Jewish people in the course of their day-to-day lives.

Jacques Bendavid, 35, thinks that events such as the Tu B'Av party provide a good opportunity for Jewish singles to meet each other. "It's better this way [than going to a bar], if you want to stay Jewish and stay in the tradition. I'm glad I came."

In addition to dancing and sampling kosher hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie-burgers and even candy floss, partygoers had the opportunity to win door prizes ranging from two tickets to *Miss Saigon* to the book *Blind Dates from Hell*.

There were also representatives from a number of organizations, some of whom were reaching out to Jewish singles for the first time. Friends of Yiddish was one such group, with a surprising number of young people on their committee. Jack (Yankl) Botwinik, 28, said he is not the youngest member.

The annual celebration was run for the first time this year by the newly formed JCC New Leadership committee. The event raised close to \$12,000 which will be used to fund new programming at the JCC.

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Green, a 50-year-old divorcee who's been living in Toronto for 24 years, had accompanied her niece to the party. She agreed with others who spoke to *The C/N* that it's difficult to meet people, both for newcomers and people who've lived in Toronto for a long time. A few partygoers men-

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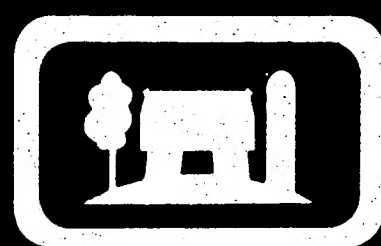
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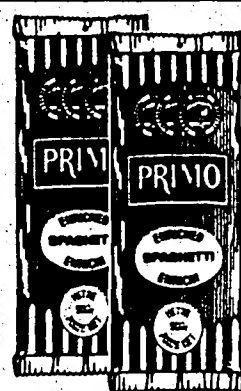


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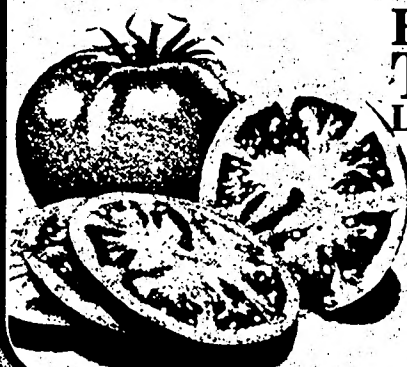
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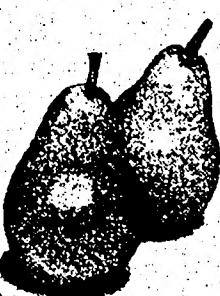
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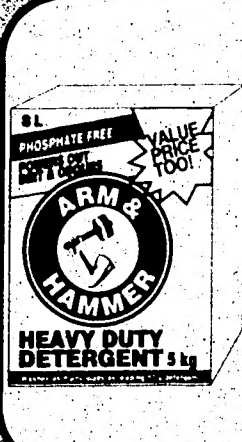
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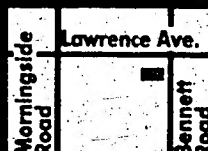


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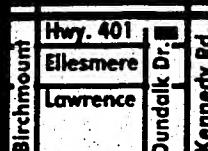
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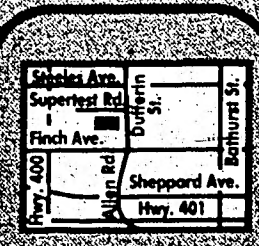
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Marnie Kimelman's parents support Ichilov Hospital

TORONTO — For Harold and Linda Kimelman, there's the feeling of an important task well on its way towards completion.

After their daughter Marnie was killed by a terrorist bomb on a Tel Aviv beach in 1990, the Kimelmans raised funds to improve the emergency facilities at Ichilov Hospital (Tel Aviv Elias Sourasky Medical Center), where Marnie was treated.

Now, almost three years later, through their efforts and with the help of family and many friends, the financial commitment for the Marnie Kimelman Trauma Centre has been fulfilled. The state-of-the-art facility will occupy the main floor of a new multi-purpose medical building soon to be built.

In the meantime, Ichilov Hospital has publicly acknowledged the Kimelmans' efforts by temporarily affixing Marnie's photograph along with a plaque in the Family Waiting Area adjacent to the present emergency rooms. The photo and plaque will be moved to the new facility when it is completed.

Support for the Marnie Kimelman Fund at the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University is continuing. Contributions are now being directed by the Kimelmans for research fellowships at Tel Aviv University. The Marnie Kimelman Fellow for 1993-94, Rinat Eshel, works in the prestigious Laboratory of Cancer Biology, under the supervision of Prof. Isaac Witz.

In Toronto, Marnie is memorialized by a scholarship and a library wall at the Associated Hebrew Day School; a monument in North York's Earl Bales Park; an annual memorial lecture at the Adath Israel Synagogue; and a family studies scholarship and athletic trophy showcase at York Mills Collegiate.

The Kimelmans are now working with the Richmond Hill Country Club and the Hospital for Sick Children to refurbish a teen lounge in the hospital. The lounge will bear Marnie's name. Money is being raised by a Day at the Races along with a silent auction on August 15, a golf tournament on Sept. 14 and a miammoth bingo on Nov. 6.



A plaque and picture of Marnie Kimelman have been affixed at Ichilov Hospital to indicate completion of funding for the new Marnie Kimelman Trauma Center.

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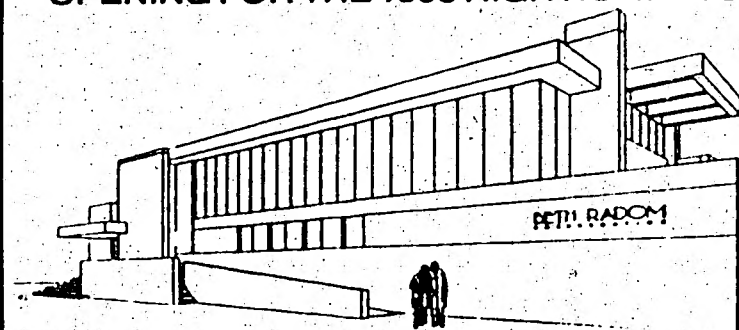
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Phil (left) and Mike Zians

Brothers bring new look to kosher butcher shop

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The recent change in ownership of Hamilton's only kosher butcher store ushered in a new era of kosher food shopping.

For over 42 years, Saul Cohen owned the Hamilton Kosher Meat Market, first with partner David Altmann, then on his own for 30 years.

He'd worked hard, but it was time to retire and last year he sold the business to Mike and Phil Zians. It was the U.S.-born brothers' first business venture and for the next nine months, Cohen stayed on to help.

But what had brought these brothers from Columbus, Ohio, to Hamilton, Ont.?

In their cramped basement office one afternoon after the store closed, they burst out laughing. It was love that brought them here, they say.

For Phil, it was Andrea, daughter of Hamilton Jewish Social Services director Carol and U of T professor Lester Krames. They met while working at a U.S. summer camp for Jewish developmentally handicapped children.

Mike, in the meantime, fell in love with Hamilton. He'd been here only once, for Phil and Andrea's wedding, but "it was love at first sight!"

Both are now happily settled: Mike with his wife, Joy, and two sons aged 6 and 4 and 15-month-old daughter; Phil and Andrea with their 4-month-old baby boy.

Now that they're on their own — Cohen still drops by and they call him almost every day — the store is gradually taking on a new look.

For one thing, where Cohen carried only a limited range of groceries, the shelves are now bulging with kosher products previously unavailable in this area.

Their aim, say the Zians, is first and foremost to provide a full range of kosher foods at competitive prices. "so that people won't have to go to Toronto to shop."

They're eager, energetic and serious about their business. They're also prepared to work hard and they've done their homework.

Mike, 31, graduated — "with distinction," Phil points out — from the Johnson and Wales College of Culinary Arts in Providence, R.I., served his internship in Israel at the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya, and on his return to the U.S. worked as a line cook at New York's World Trade Centre.

He subsequently managed a dairy restaurant in Manhattan and worked in a food processing plant.

Phil, 25, obtained a degree in psychology then began looking for business opportunities. He came to Canada four years ago and managed a car rental agency in Toronto. Prior to his move to Hamilton, he took a meat cutting course at George Brown College, then worked in a Toronto butcher shop for several months.

Here, Cohen taught him the kosher cuts, which Phil says "are much more difficult and time consuming."

Although theirs is "the only game in town," as Mike puts it, "we don't treat it like that. We take our customer relations very seriously."

They're mindful of today's trend towards lighter, healthier eating; older customers' concern with cholesterol; and the growing appeal of vegetarian diets.

Accordingly, they have added a new line of home-style prepared foods including "a lot of salads for the summer," says Mike. This will enable people to "come in and pull an entire dinner off the shelves at reasonable prices." Weekly in-store specials will be offered.

The Zians also cater for kidushim, bar mitzvahs and other functions.

Halifax gets female rabbi

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — A six-month search for a new rabbi for the Shaar Shalom Congregation of Halifax has ended in a precedent-setting move for the Atlantic synagogue.

Pamela Hoffman of New York has become the first female rabbi in the region, slated to serve the Conservative congregation "on a unique basis," according to Shaar Shalom president Lloyd Newman.

"She will be resident here about one-third of her time," he said. "The balance of her schedule will be spent teaching and counselling in New York."

Rabbi Hoffman has been an interim, part-time rabbi for Shaar Shalom since Rabbi Jacob Chinitz retired in December 1992. She prepared bnei and bnot mitzvah and taught conversion classes, conducting a Beth Din when six converts were brought into the congregation a few weeks ago.

As pulpit rabbi, Rabbi Hoffman will

develop a schedule with the congregation's board of directors that will bring her to Halifax 18 to 24 times a year.

"She will lead us on all holidays, starting with the High Holidays in September," said Newman. "Rabbi Hoffman is trained to chant the service and to laim [read] the Torah. We also have six or seven bar and bat mitzvah children in the class this year who she will prepare."

Rabbi Hoffman graduated cum laude in 1978 from Hebrew University in Jerusalem and was ordained as a rabbi in 1990 from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

She has been involved in teaching, instructing and counselling for many years with an emphasis in social problems.

"I have found no opposition to the idea of a woman rabbi for Shaar Shalom," said Newman. "In fact, a survey of congregants, taken when we started our search last fall, indicated 84 percent would support a woman rabbi."

Community tribute for Dora Wasserman

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Dora Wasserman's most prestigious official honor came a few weeks ago in Ottawa when she received the Order of Canada for her lifelong contribution to Yiddish theatre.

But Wasserman seemed even happier to be among her own last week as family, friends, colleagues and her devoted public filled the Jewish Public Library (JPL) auditorium to overflow to pay tribute to the community's grand dame of Yiddish theatre.

The evening, hosted by Wasserman's close friends and colleagues Raizel Candib and Anna Gonshor, lasted 2½ hours, was almost all in Yiddish and was highlighted by tributes and a dozen or so Yiddish readings, songs and theatre pieces that had the audience clapping wildly and cheering.

At evening's end, the diminutive Wasserman also had the audience in stitches as she regaled them with an anecdote about shopping for high-heeled shoes for the big event in Ottawa. That the story could only be funny in mamehloshen seemed to confirm that her lifelong calling has been fully justified.

The event was also a mutual love-in, with Wasserman, accepting flowers and certificate at evening's end, emotionally returning the kudos in kind.

"Without you, what we achieved could not have been," she said to her audience. "You are my closest friends."

The ultimate achievement, as she and several speakers noted, was finding a permanent home for Wasserman to carry on her work — at the Saidye Bronfman Centre (SBC) — in 1978.

Dating back to the early 1950s, the Jewish Public Library (JPL) and the

Jewish People's School (JPS-the folks shule) provided the steady source of young talent and new generations of Yiddish enthusiasts.

The early years were marked not only by a shared devotion to Yiddish, remembered many of the participants, but by an artistic fervor and a true sense of purpose and joy.

JPL president Dr. Aron Gonshor, a member of a Montreal acting family extremely close to the Wassermans, was among the numerous children and young people who spent memorable Friday evenings and Saturday mornings with Wasserman soaking up the world of Yiddish drama and song.

"We were her troops," Gonshor recalled, "to be nurtured and moulded and to carry on that torch."

"The library became our second home, and she was our second mother, absolutely."

Those years also exposed Wasserman's devoted brood to the great Yiddish writers of the day — including personal meetings with literary notables like Itzik Manger.

For impressionable young theatre folk, this was pretty heady stuff, recalled Dr. Abe Fuks, who read a poem of Manger's.

Family, such as daughter Ella, came from as far away as Israel to share in the tribute; other family and friends came from Toronto and New York.

Wasserman's daughter, joined by her sister and children, joked that Dora's husband, Shura, deserved his own medal for years of putting up with a household constantly filled with people — an "open door" policy reigned.

The first piece of furniture the Wasserman family acquired was a piano, and the household was imbued with love and a true sense of commitment to Israel and to Yiddishkeit, Ella said.

The same sensibility also was part of the fabric of the JPL and JPS and these values nurtured the golden age of Yiddish theatre in Montreal under Wasserman's leadership, said speakers, which included Nachum Wilchesky, emeritus education director of the folks shule, and Federation CJA executive vice-president Steven Drysdale.

Wasserman's reputation, though, has certainly not been limited to the local scene, noted Candib. The Yiddish Theatre of the SBC has toured South America, Israel, France and Russia, to wide acclaim.

The latter trip, over a year ago, was extremely emotional for Wasserman since she was born in Russia and had not been back for decades. But it also was the fruition of a lifelong dream and became the focus of a CBC documentary.

In recent years, especially, Wasserman's importance to the general Canadian theatre scene has been more recognized, with features and interviews on such programs as *Adrienne Clarkson Presents, As it Happens*, and Peter Gzowski's morning radio show, noted SBC management board chairman David Zunenshine.

Although Wasserman said she can now "sleep calmly" knowing that Yiddish theatre will survive her, this was not an evening for nostalgia alone and definitely not for swan songs.

The tireless Wasserman — she is in her 70s — continues her work fulltime and even finds three days a week to work with children and with a new SBC theatre group for young people called Young Actors for Young Audiences (YAYA).

Just last year, the Yiddish Theatre of the SBC served the rapprochement cause by staging a production of Quebec French-language playwright Michel Tremblay's famous work, *Les Belles Soeurs*. In June, the theatre will stage its next production, Sholom Aleichem's *The Adventure of Menachem Mendel*.

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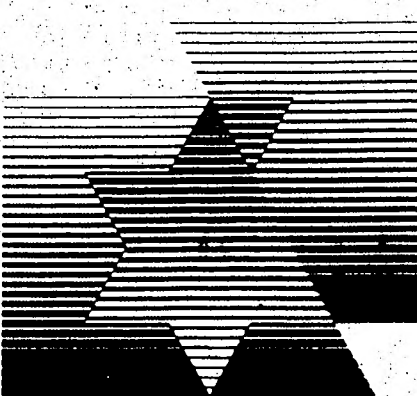
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"King of Kensington" Al Waxman (left) displays the wares, accompanied by Baycrest resident Sadie Bocknek, 92.

Al Waxman tours Baycrest special exhibit

TORONTO — It was a joyous homecoming for actor Al Waxman, star of the hit CBC series *King of Kensington*.

Waxman recently toured a special exhibit at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care entitled *A Walk Through the Neighborhood: Scenes from Kensington*. The exhibit recreates Kensington Market and the surrounding area between 1920 and 1950, when it was the heart of Jewish life in Toronto. Vintage photographs and artifacts have been donated by families who lived and worked in the neighborhood at the time and by the Ontario Jewish Archives.

Sponsored in part by the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, the exhibit is in honor of Baycrest's 75th anniversary. The Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home — forerunner of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care — was located on Cecil Street, next door to old Kensington.

Baycrest resident Sadie Bocknek, 92, also came face to face with the past. Her mother was a member of the Ezras Noshem Society, the charitable women's group which originally founded the Old Foks Home in 1918.

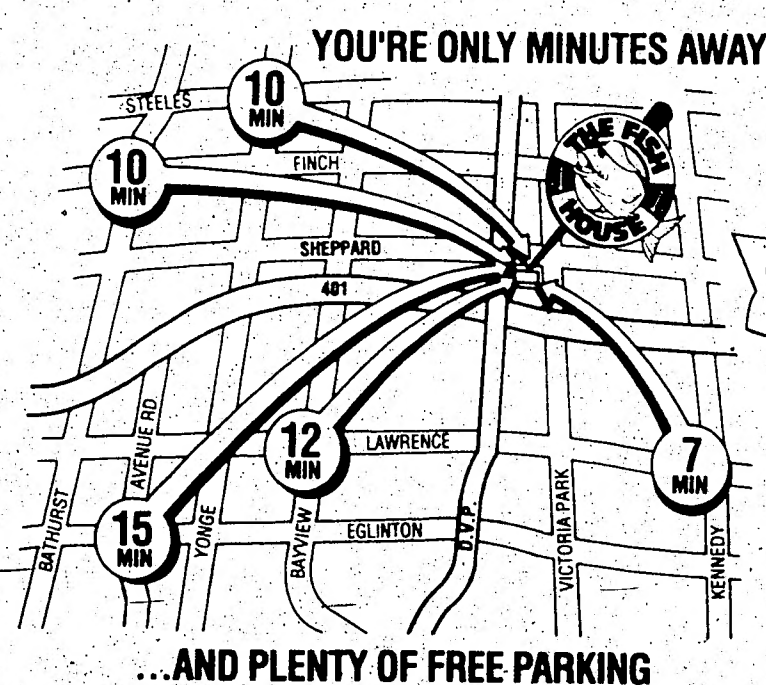
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Vancouver CJA campaign chairs

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver is gearing up for its 1993 Combined Jewish Appeal campaign and has appointed a general campaign chairman and a Women's Division chair.

The goal has not yet been determined as allocations to the agencies are currently being studied. It is expected the campaign will swing into action after the High Holidays, although preliminary work is already being done.

Howard Karby is the general campaign chair and Hilary Benson is campaign chair for the Women's Division.

Karby has worked on the campaign since the early '70s, becoming involved soon after moving here from Regina, where he grew up, and Winnipeg, where he attended university. He is a graduate of the University of British Columbia law school, and has been practicing law here since 1969.

Karby said "building community" is central to his vision for the campaign. He said Vancouver is unique among Canadian Jewish communities "in that we can realistically expect our children and grandchildren to want to live here. We have the opportunity to create a Jewish community that will be sustained for the generation to come."

Karby has plenty of campaign experience. He has worked as a canvasser, a division chair and campaign vice-chair. He has served on the Talmud Torah and JCC boards and is a past president of the Jewish Community Centre.

Benson, the Women's Division chair, came here from South Africa 19 years ago and has been actively involved in Jewish communal services. She has worked as a CJA campaigner, co-chaired the 1989 Super Sunday telethon, and is advisor to the Young Women's Division. She has been active also with the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, the Talmud Torah, JCC and Beth Israel Synagogue.

Benson said she wants to see "a major effort" to encourage campaign participation among the younger people, the baby boomers and people on campus.

— Maurice Lucow

Gearing up for election

TORONTO — With a federal election imminent, B'nai Brith Canada's election task force is kicking into high gear.

This innovative educational program, which originated in 1984, will involve hundreds of volunteers across the country who will meet with candidates on a non-partisan basis.

"We intend to sensitize candidates to the full spectrum of domestic and international issues, from the rise in hate group activity, to international anti-Semitism and support for Israel," said national president Gabriel Nachman.

"Our political leaders must act swiftly to deal with issues that affect Canadian Jews and, indeed, all communities."

A team of B'nai Brith leaders is heading the task force: Rabbi Sydney Shoham (Quebec region), Carol Smith (National Capital region), Richard Bogoroch (Central region), Jim Klein (Central region), Murray Trachtenberg (Midwestern region), and Prof. Fred Curtis (Western region) will serve as national chairs of the program.

Paul Marcus, national director of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs, has been appointed election task force co-ordinator.

Hard times for doctors

TORONTO — No more than 20 percent of the physicians who have come in recent years to Israel from the former Soviet Union will find work in their profession, said a Hebrew University of Jerusalem professor at a recent conference held there.

Prof. Judith Shuval of Hebrew University's Department of Sociology and the Braun Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine said that since 1989, some 11,000 physicians have come to Israel from the former Soviet Union, as compared to only some 1,500 who came in the 1970s.

In that earlier immigration, nearly all of those in the medical profession were able to find work in their fields, said Shuval.

Before the recent immigration, said Shuval, there were about 12,000 doctors in the country, which even then provided Israel with one of the highest per capita rates of physicians to population in the world. She said the estimate that 20 percent of the new immigrant doctors could be absorbed in the field was an optimistic one, based on the assessment of experts in the field.

Shuval was a speaker at the third Canada-CIS Academic Dialogue on Jewish Themes involving researchers from Canada, the Confederation of Independent states and Israel. The conference was sponsored by the Hebrew University's Centre for Research and Documentation of East European Jewry, the University of Toronto and the Jewish Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Canadian doctor in Israel

JERUSALEM — It's a good thing that the only thing infectious about Dr. Shuli Silberman is his enthusiasm.

The Israeli-born and Canadian-reared heart surgeon recently joined the staff at Share Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. He cut short a two-year fellowship at Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Science Centre to take the position.

Working in an Israeli hospital is old hat for Silberman. He attended medical school at Hebrew University and completed his residency at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. While he found the resources, equipment and staff size were far greater in Canada than in Israel, the surgical techniques were the same.

Shaare Zedek's cardio-thoracic surgery department performs approximately eight open heart procedures a week. A new Comprehensive Heart Institute will bring cardiology and cardiac surgery services under one roof.

"This is a logical step now," Silberman said, "since we've advanced so far and each complements the other. Heart disease is very special and specific and is not necessarily connected to other diseases."

One of the most dangerous factors in the care of cardiology and cardiac surgery patients is patient transfer. Critically ill patients often suffer severe setbacks when moved from one site to another, especially if the locations are on different floors. The new institute will house all patients on the hospital's 10th floor.

Silberman is happy to be back in Israel. His wife, a trained nurse, worked at the Israeli consulate in Toronto and his two pre-school children speak a combination of Hebrew and English.

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New Hadassah-WIZO co-presidents

WINNIPEG — Hadassah-WIZO council of Winnipeg's first co-presidency combines experience with a new face.

Florence Katz is a former Torontonian who moved to Winnipeg nine years ago. She has been active in Hadassah since coming here and has chaired the Men's Youth Aliyah Dinner, Youth Aliyah overall and worked in Hadassah's medical services area. Although she was willing to accept the presidency this year, she felt that it would be better to have two people in the position because she is away all winter.

Lenore Kagan, Katz's co-president, is a past president (1985-88) of Hadassah-WIZO council of Winnipeg and has been a member of Hadassah for 37 years. "Lenore is an old hand at this," says Katz. "She has done every job there is to do in Hadassah and she has done them all well."

This past year, Kagan co-chaired the Youth Aliyah dinner, the culmination of Winnipeg Hadassah-WIZO's 75th anniversary celebrations. Winnipeg membership, she says, is about 1,400 and holding steady.

According to Katz, this is the year of "Yes, We Can!" for Hadassah-WIZO of Winnipeg. "Over the years, people have become tired," she says. "Some negativity has set in. We need to renew our enthusiasm."

Both Katz and Kagan are looking forward to the national convention in Israel in November. Kagan will be participating in the group bar-mitzvah for which 90 women have registered so far. She is also in the running for national vice-president.

Katz reports that Harriet Rodin is running for national president. Rodin is a past president of Hadassah-WIZO Council of Winnipeg and is currently an honorary vice-president of the national organization.

— Myron Love

New Talmud Torah principal

WINNIPEG — Edith Kimelman's association with the Talmud Torah/L.L. Peretz Folk School goes back close to 30 years, when she became a member of the parent committee. Come September, the long time teacher and administrator will become principal of the north Winnipeg school.

A Holocaust survivor, Kimelman came to Winnipeg as a teenager. She began working at the Talmud Torah in a variety of term positions in the early 1970s, at the same time earning her BA in education. She became a full-fledged member of the staff in 1974.

After the amalgamation of the Talmud Torah and the Yiddish-oriented Peretz School in 1983, Kimelman was appointed supervisor of the primary classes in the old Peretz School building and co-ordinated the combined school's Yiddish program. In 1989, all the classes were consolidated in the Talmud Torah building. For the past four years, Kimelman has been teaching in Ramah School, the Board of Jewish Education's south Winnipeg elementary school.

As principal of Talmud Torah, her goal is to continue to provide quality Jewish education for north Winnipeg students and strengthen their Jewish identity. "I am confident that we can maintain Talmud Torah's high educational standards and attract even more Jewish students," she says.

— Myron Love



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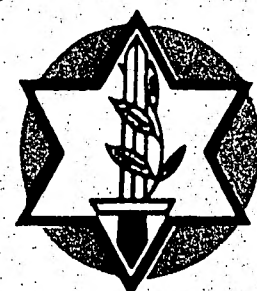
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Kids take to the diamond for synagogue softball

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Maybe it's the success of the Toronto Blue Jays or perhaps it's just the warm summer evenings that do it, but for whatever reasons, the kids' softball league established by the Petach Tikva Anshe Castilla Synagogue has blossomed into a big time — and a fun time — operation.

In its four years of existence, the synagogue house league has expanded from a base of 40 youngsters to a league involving about 200. The kids are divided among 16 teams according to their age, said Max Benaim, one of the league coordinators.

The 13-17 year-olds who play on Monday nights enjoy a competitive brand of fastpitch softball, Benaim said. On Wednesdays, the little people take to the field, with the 6-8 year-olds playing on six different teams, as do the 9-13 year-olds. They play a three-pitch game, with the slow arcing throws delivered by some of

the older kids, including the oldest, Benaim himself.

Benaim said the league's originator, Isaac Oziel, who is currently the synagogue president, came up with the idea so as to give the members' children something to do during the long summer nights.

The kids' response surprised everyone. Even children from Minyan Sepharad and Tifereth Yisrael wanted to join, necessitating the creation of more teams based on age. The league doesn't turn away any kid who wants to play and you can find Russian youngsters playing alongside Sephardi ones, Benaim said.

The games are preceded by a barbecue picnic, turning the events into real fun occasions, he added.

The 11-game season comes to an end on Aug. 25 and the championships are slated for the Labor Day weekend. That will be followed by a banquet and the presentation of trophies to the participating players.



Participants in the Petach Tikva-Anshe Castilla Synagogue softball league cheer their teammates at a recent game [Paul Lungen photo]

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Organizations and People



What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, August 12, is deadline for August 26 issue, and Thursday, August 19, is deadline for Sept. 2 issue. Please remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331.

Thursday, August 12

SLIDE/LECTURE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Continuing Education Committee is presenting a special slide/lecture with **Dr. Stefan C. Reif**, director, Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit, University of Cambridge, England. His topic is Historical Highlights of Hebrew Prayer. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

Sunday, August 15

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S.S.R.

Jewish Communities in the Former U.S.S.R.: Crisis or Renaissance? is the topic of the lecture/discussion with **Prof. Zev Katz**, Hebrew University, sponsored by the Secular Jewish Association. It takes place at 8 p.m. at 82 Willowbrook Rd., Thornhill. Charge for non-members is \$5. For information, call 731-7066.

SEX, SINGLES & REVENUE CANADA

Social Encounters, a new singles group for the '90s (ages 45-70) presents Sex, Singles and Revenue Canada with accountant **Erwin Stuart** at 8 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue. Refreshments following. Cost is \$10 at the door.

Monday, August 16

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m. in the foyer, Holy Blossom Temple. For more information, call, in confidence, **Ruth**, 763-9111.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH GROUP

The Women's Rosh Chodesh Group's program for Rosh Chodesh Elul will be held at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. The shiur will be led by **Ruchama Alter** on the topic of Chava (Eve). Study material is available for pickup at the synagogue office. Maariv will follow the shiur. All women are invited.

Tuesday, August 17

LEVY AND GOLIATH

Toronto Jewish Film Society is screening *Levy and Goliath* (French with English subtitles), a comedy about two estranged brothers, one chasidic, one married to a Gentile, whose paths cross after many years as a result of an unexpected confrontation with a drug dealer named Goliath. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., and is preceded by

coffee and refreshments at 7. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the door. For more information, phone **Luni**, 924-6211.

CITY OF DAVID EXHIBIT TOUR

The Secular Jewish Association is sponsoring a tour of the City of David exhibit from Jerusalem with **Alex Groper**, CBC broadcaster on Mediterranean archeology, at 6:15 p.m. at the Royal Ontario Museum. Optional dinner following the tour. Charge for non-members is \$10 (tour only). For reservations, call 731-7066.

Wednesday, August 18

MIRANSKY MEMORIAL EVENING

A Peretz Miransky Memorial Evening is being held at 8 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. **Liba Augenfeld**, well-known cultural activist of Montreal, will speak on the life and poetic works of **Peretz Miransky** and there will be songs and recitations of Miransky's poems and fables. Evening is arranged by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and Yidishe Kultur Geselschaft.

B'NAI BRITH HALTON PEEL

The inaugural meeting of B'nai Brith Halton Peel takes place at 7 p.m. at Peel Board of Education, 5650 Hurontario St., Mississauga. For further information, call **Joyce Aster**, BB Halton Peel, 678-9691 or **Pearl Gladman**, BB Canada, 633-6224.

Thursday, August 19

ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL STRATEGY

Lifestyle Retirement Communities' summer lecture series on International Politics with **Morton Manilla** continues with Israel's Strategy for Survival at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Place, 645 Castelfield Ave. Admission is free but seating is limited. To make a reservation, call **Marlene White**, 445-7555.

And What Else Is New...

YIDDISH CLASSES 1993/94

Take note of these Yiddish classes offered this fall giving children, adults and youth the opportunity to study Yiddish in a variety of classes, ranging from light to serious:

A new Yiddish conversation class at Jarvis Collegiate Wednesday evenings; North York Board of Education evening classes at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Bais Yehuda, Shaarei Shomayim and Temple Sinai Synagogues and Bialik Hebrew Day Schools; a Yiddish high school credit class for beginners and advanced students at Earl Haig Secondary School Tuesday evenings (this class is free and open to high school students and adults); Children's Heritage Education classes in Yiddish Sunday mornings 9:30 to noon at Associated Hebrew Schools. Finch at Bathurst; three Yiddish credit courses at the University of Toronto (Beginners Yiddish, Intermediate Yiddish and Yiddish Literature in Translation).

All classes are taught by experienced teachers. These programs are sponsored by the Yiddish committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and North York and Toronto boards of education. For information, call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155.

DOWNTOWN HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

The Downtown Jewish Community School is now accepting registration for its unique Jewish Studies high school program, Judaism 101: What Is Your Judaism About? Issues of Jewish Identity in the Modern World. Classes begin in the fall and run Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave.

Topics are developed from the individual interests of students and have included such subjects as Jewish Attitudes on Black Magic, Anti-Semitism in Canada, Dating and Marrying Jewish Only: Is It Racist?, and Heaven, Hell and Reincarnation in Judaism. No writing assignments, tests or papers are required. Classes are for Grade 8 to 13 students. Phone **Joan Schoenfeld** at 924-6211.

LEAH POSLUNS 1993/94 SEASON

The Leah Posluns Theatre's 1993/94 season features four celebrated stage plays that have made it to the big screen plus a vibrant new one. Look out for these hits:

Brighton Beach Memoirs, Oct. 14-Nov. 7; *Punch Me In the Stomach*, Nov. 25-Dec. 19; *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Jan. 20-Feb. 13; *Crossing Delancey*, Feb. 24-March 20; *Fiddler on the Roof*, April 7-May 1. Subscriptions are available now! Call the box office at 630-6752.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, CHILDREN

The weekly ongoing group for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust has relocated. New location is the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. The purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact of the

Holocaust. Group leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. For information, call 630-0164.

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Jewish Vocational Service is offering students at the junior high school level (Grades 6-8) an opportunity to develop skills to improve school performance and become more effective, efficient learners. Students will learn listening and organizational skills as well as practical strategies for note-taking and test-writing. The four-session workshop takes place during the weeks of August 23-Sept. 3, at a cost of \$120. Pre-registration is required. Call 787-1151.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

The Borochoy Cultural Centre and Kol Yisroel Congregation, 272 Codsell Ave., announce that tickets for High Holiday services are now on sale. Services are held in an air-conditioned hall and seats are reserved. Phone 630-9444.

WARRORS DAY PARADE, CNE

Jewish war veterans of General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, will join in the annual Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition August 21, starting 9:30 a.m., Section Zone D4, east of Princess Gates. All Legion and war veterans are invited to join in (wear your medals). For information, call **Lionel Mernick**, 783-1329.

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL GROUP

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students will be holding their weekly peer support group meeting this week and every week throughout the summer. For more information, either call **Claire**, 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114. Remember, you are not alone!

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups include: Living with Teens (communication, expectations, roles and rules for surviving the teen years. Begins Sept. 14); For Women Only (enhance your self-esteem, communication skills and reduce stress. Begins October); Single Parent Challenge: Finding a Balance Between Parenthood and Personhood (discuss discipline, time management and building a new life. Begins Sept. 15); Looking Ahead (discuss loneliness, anger, living alone, beginning a new life. Begins Oct. 13). For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

STREET SALE VENDORS

A one-day street sale is taking place Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Vendors are wanted for this annual community event. Call today for a great opportunity to sell your wares! The number is 381-4078.

THE TRAVELLERS

Friends of The Travellers folksinging group will be pleased to know that they will come together for their 40th anniversary concert at Minkler Auditorium, Sunday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Bayview Community Hospice and the Canadian Association for Music Therapy. For information, phone 487-5517 or the box office, 491-8877.

ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Academy for Lifelong Learning, a program of the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto, provides self-directed daytime workshops, Mondays through Thursdays, for adults interested in a new approach to learning. No formal academic background is required and there are no examinations. Registration day is Friday, Sept. 10, at the School of Continuing Studies, 158 St. George St., 4th floor, from 2-5 p.m. For further information, call 978-7756.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for a craft and gift sale being held at Bayview Village Mall (Bayview and Sheppard), Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are over 100 boutiques. Sale is under the auspices of Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada. No admission charge to the public. Proceeds go to charity. Interested parties are asked to contact **Ruth Jacobson**, 636-5425 days, 764-8401 evenings.

ADULT CAMP WEEKEND

The Adult Camp Weekend at Camp Manitou Wabing August 20 to 24 promises to be the ideal weekend — no curfews, no cabin inspection, just adult fun with all the regular camp activities and special ones too. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Children's Wish Foundation. Call **Brent**, 651-3738, or **Danny**, (705) 389-2410.

for seniors

Seniors take to the stage at Roy Thomson Hall for the fifth anniversary Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee Concerts '93, August 16-19. This spectacular variety show, with over 800 performers,

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HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

It was the "Happiest Day of the Year" on June 10 when the Jewish Russian Community Centre held a reunion for the brides, grooms and unterfirers from the Gala Wedding held last September. Reunion guests watched a video of the event and each couple received a souvenir wedding album. Seen above are (from left) **Helen Green**, 1992 chair, and her husband **Mendel**; **Rabbi Y.Y. Zaltman**, JCR director; and **Harvey and Sheila Hecker**, 1993 co-chairs. **Karen Garscadden** was introduced as wedding co-ordinator. This year's Gala Wedding is set for Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. A planning committee is now being formed. Those interested in participating call **Karen** at 222-7105.



PEARL SCHOLARSHIP

This year's Ernest Richard Pearl Memorial Scholarship Award has been won by **Josh Lambert**, a Grade 8 student at Associated Hebrew School's Danilack Branch. His essay, *Balancing Judaism and Life in Modern Society*, was a study of our heritage and culture. The presentation was made at a special junior high assembly held at both the Neptune and Danilack Branches. Pictured (from left) are **Sharrona Pearl**, **Mayeer Pearl**, **Josh Lambert**, **Mary Pearl**, **Marvin Pearl**, and **Susan Pearl** (seated).

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offers something for every one including singing, dancing, comedy, novelty performances and more.

At the **Wagman Centre**: Members' Council's annual Membership Installation Meeting and Baycrest Centre's 75th Birthday Party Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m. with entertainment by The Heritage Players and light refreshments RSVP to **Brenda Cooper**, 789-5131, ext. 2268.

A Multicultural Party, with guests from several seniors groups, Thursday, August 12, 2-4 p.m. with multilingual singer/accordionist **Dino Grandi**, East Indian dancers **Muni Subanni's Dance Troupe**, and Russian dancers **Kalinka Dance Troupe**. This event is supported by Friends and Family of the late Lou Gilbert; for information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Bingo, Sunday, August 15, 1:30-3 p.m.; Gypsy music night with **Paul Mathew** and **Helen Knight**, Tuesday, August 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Club continues taking reservations for the 1994 Miami trips Wednesday mornings 10-noon at the Borochoy Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and the Ladies Dance Group Tuesdays at 1 p.m. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m. at the Centre.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club happenings include: the opening luncheon Monday, August 23, 12:30 p.m. featuring singer **Lenka Lichtenberg**; cruise to Bobcageon Thursday, August 26, and the exciting Israel trip Nov. 14 to Dec. 2. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Also, remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Join the **Sunrise Group** for a 22-day all-inclusive trip to Israel Oct. 18-Nov. 8. Cost is \$3,395 double occupancy. Those without partners can be teamed up. Call **Esther**, 223-9165 or **Sonya**, 889-9436.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Saturday night dance August 14, 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members \$1); the movie *Smokie and the Bandit* starring **Burt Reynolds**, **Sally Fields** and **Jackie Gleason**, Wednesday, August 18, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members \$1); trips to Buffalo, Stage West; annual bazaar. North York Board of Education courses starting the week of Sept. 20 are bridge, fitness, line dancing, yoga. For information on all activities and trips, call the club office at 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432. The movie *Casablanca*, a musical in Hebrew with **Yoram Gaon** is being screened Aug. 11.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is: 225-2112.

Share your memories of the good old days at La'Briyat Wellness Centre health lecture Remember When... with **Brenda Zalken** Thursday, August 19, 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

A day trip for members to ArtPark to see *Anything Goes* is set for Wednesday, August 18. Cost of \$39 includes transportation. Bring or buy your own lunch. Tickets are available to non-members five days before trip at higher cost.

Also, there's a trip to Woodbine Race Track Thursday, August 26, departing at noon. Cost for members is \$5. Five days before trip, non-members may purchase tickets for \$7. Get tickets at Information Desk. Call **Shari**, 225-2112.

The movie, *Trip to Bountiful* will be screened.

Sunday, August 15, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members, \$1.

Wednesday afternoon social August 18 features music of the '30s, '40s and '50s with **Allan and Tony**. That's at 1:30 p.m. Members \$2.50; non-members \$3.50.

High Holy Day tickets are on sale at the Information Desk. Tickets are \$50 and everyone in the community is welcome.

Eitrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, nostalgic sing-alongs, dances. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is now accepting applications from artists wishing to showcase their work at the Bloor Y. If you are interested in participating in the art exhibits, submit your written application, including photos or slides, by August 30 to Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, M5S 2J2. Attention: Art Selection Committee.

There's Israeli dancing on the roof at the Bloor Y Thursdays, August 12, 19 and 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. with instructor **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Admission is \$4 per session. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be sold. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

Bloor Y is looking for vendors for the arts and crafts show taking place Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Bloor Y. Contact **Luni**, 924-6211.

About People

JEWISH STUDENTS' NETWORK

North American Jewish Students' Network-Canada's new national director is **Howard Katz**, 23, a recent graduate of Yeshiva University in New York where he majored in English literature and creative writing.

Katz was a volunteer for the Yeshiva U. philanthropy society and a contributor to *The Commentator*, the university's newspaper. During the Gulf War he was involved in an emergency flight to Israel called Operation Torah Shield. In Toronto he has been active with fundraising for B'nai Brith Canada.

The national director is Network's only full-time paid position. Katz is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the independent national student movement and is responsible for facilitating all projects and operations that are run by the student volunteers and lay people as well as liaising with the general community.

CONGRESS OF POETS

During the 1992 XIII World Congress of Poets meeting in Haifa, Israel, Toronto poet/author **Doris Blumenfeld Clemen** was appointed story/drama director of the newly created award of International Laureates for Children. The winners of this prestigious award will be announced at the upcoming XIV World Congress taking place in Monterrey, Mexico, August 19-28.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

Marcia Cohen, who specialized in family law at Cohen and Solomon, the Toronto firm in which she was a partner, has been appointed a judge

to the Ontario Court, Provincial Division. Called to the bar in 1977, Cohen has represented immigrant and refugee women throughout her career, especially those trying to end abusive relationships. She is currently writing a thesis on wife assault for the University of Toronto Law School. Also, she is an occasional lecturer at York University's Atkinson College.

USDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The United Synagogue Day School recently

elected the following members to its executive committee for 1993/94: **Ira Schechter**, president; **David Engel**, executive vice-president; **Ronald Laxer**, **Eileen Silver** and **Marc Wilchesky**, vice-presidents; **Kathryn R. Cooper**, secretary; **Geoffrey Bledin**, treasurer; **Glennie Lindenberg**, member at large; **Shirley Worth**, immediate past president; **Judy Engel**, Parents' Association president; **Aaron Nussbaum**, director of education, has headed the school since its inception in 1961. **Steven A. Hacker** is the administrator.



BONDS BREAKFAST

McDonald's senior chairman **George A. Cohon** (centre) was host to 75 members of the Accountants' and Lawyers' Division for State of Israel Bonds at a specially catered kosher breakfast at McDonald's corporate head office. Recently back from the opening of the second McDonald's in Moscow, Cohon spoke about his company's activities in Russia. Among the guests were (from left) Israel Bonds Ontario region co-chair **Mike Florence**; **Earl Miller**, co-chair Lawyers' and Accountants' Division; **Richard Gordon**, chair of top sales for Bonds; and **Israel Mida**, co-chair, Lawyers' and Accountants' Division. [Arnold Machtlinger photo]



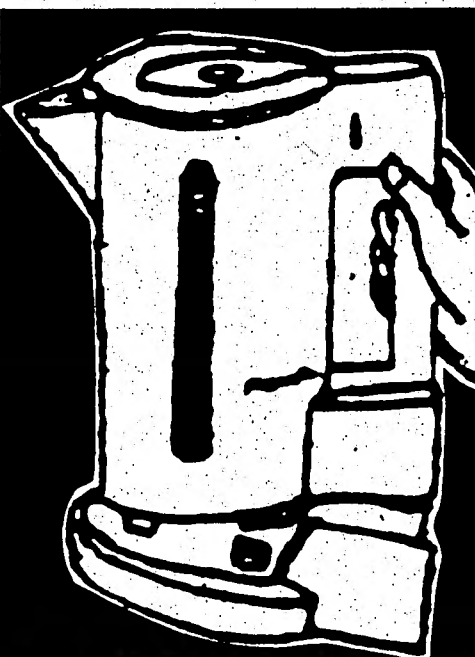
GOLFING FOR DOLLARS

The members of the winning foursome at the third annual golf tournament sponsored by the Toronto Associates Group of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, are (from left) **Joseph Young**, **Steve Finkelstein**, **Mark Grammer** and **David Kerman**. Proceeds of the event, held at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton, will be used to purchase medical equipment for the Pediatric Cardiology Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. For information on the 1994 tournament and other Associates Group events, call 781-3584.



CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

The 1993 Kitchener/Waterloo United Israel Appeal campaign was recently launched at a well attended gathering at Beth Jacob Synagogue. Shown (from left) are **Don Bierstock**, campaign co-chair; guest speaker **Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor**; and campaign chair **Martin Levene**. Preliminary results point to an outstanding campaign.



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Lawee to teach at U of T

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Eric Lawee, who recently completed his PhD studies at Harvard University in Boston, feels he is coming home this year in more ways than one.

The 30-year-old native Torontonian, whose parents and siblings still live here, has accepted the 1993-94 Ray D. Wolfe Fellowship administered by the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto. He will be teaching two half-courses, one of which he studied as an undergraduate at U of T under the late Prof. Frank Talmage.

Lawee, who wrote his dissertation on 15th-century biblical commentator Isaac Abarbanel, will teach Classical and Medieval Biblical Commentaries and Ge'onic and Rabbinic Commentaries. He will continue researching and writing on Abarbanel.

Lawee is fascinated by Abarbanel's accomplishments in the secular world as well as his theological commentary. Abarbanel, the Portuguese-born scion of an aristocratic Jewish family, was a prominent figure in three royal courts: Portugal, Spain and Naples, where he fled following the expulsion from Spain.

"He was a great businessman," said Lawee in a recent phone interview. "Every kingship snapped him

up. [Yet] he wrote on and was well-versed in every field of Jewish intellectual endeavour. He was learned in all areas, secular and Jewish. He accomplished so much under adverse circumstances, running around from country to country the last 25 years of his life."



Eric Lawee

Contrary to popular opinion, the last few decades of Spanish Jewry were "not all suffering," said Lawee. "There really was lively scholarly output in the decades prior to the expulsion."

Lawee's own scholarly output, in the form of his thesis, represents seven years of study in Boston, dur-

ing which time he met his wife Mollie, a veterinarian. They married three and a half years ago and have two sons, Aviezer, 2 1/2, and Noam, 6 months.

Lawee lectured as a teaching fellow at Harvard, an experience he enjoyed. He is looking forward to teaching at U of T, and especially to using texts in the original Hebrew, an opportunity he attributes to the training many students have had in Hebrew day schools.

Lawee's route to Judaic scholarship was more circuitous. A Hebrew school dropout, Lawee attended Forest Hill Collegiate in Grades 9 and 10, graduating from AISP (Alternative Independent Study Program) in 1982.

After meeting people affiliated with JEP (Jewish Educational Program), Lawee studied at Ohr Somayach yeshiva in Israel, which was "quite instrumental in terms of the acquisition of preliminary Hebrew skills." He later studied Arabic at a summer ulpan, following his third year at U of T.

"Eric's strong background in medieval Jewish history, literature and thought, as well as general medieval intellectual history, will greatly enhance the offerings in those areas of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto," said program director Libby Garshowitz.

Miransky memorial at Workmen's Circle

TORONTO — A memorial service for the noted Yiddish poet, Peretz Miransky, will be held Wednesday, August 18, at 8 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Avenue West. Leba Augenfild, a close friend from Montreal, will speak and there will be recitations in Yiddish and English of Miransky's work.

אין הייליגן אנדענען

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

****Mix and Mingle Sunday, August 15****
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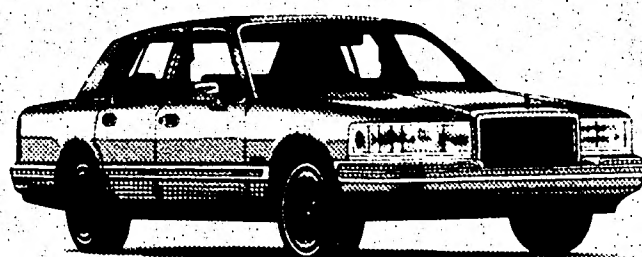
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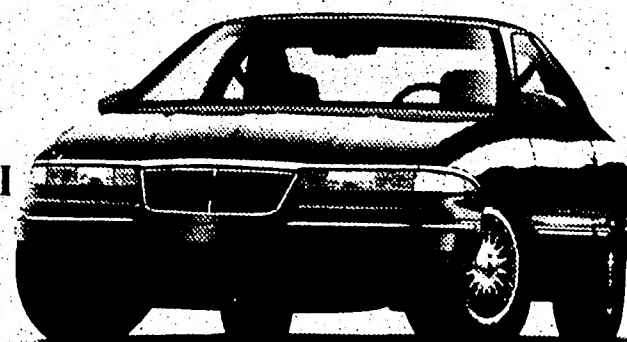
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Teen survivors reunited

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO — When Hanna Meyer, Eva Lang and Inge Spitz toasted their reunion after 51 years, there was defiance mixed with happiness in the "I chaim," because in another world they had beaten the odds to survive Hitler's Europe.

Hanna, who lives in Switzerland but came originally from Germany, last saw Inge, also German-born, and Eva, from Belgium, when they were young teens at Le Couret, a Jewish girls' home in the French countryside outside Limoges. Both Inge and Eva settled in Toronto.

Recently, they were under one roof again. Hanna had written a book about her forebears, *Family Dreifuss: The History of a Jewish Family in Southwestern Germany 1747-1940*, which earned her an invitation to the opening of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. Once on this side of the ocean, she and husband, Werner, made the short hop to Toronto.

At the reunion dinner, hosted by Inge and her husband Eric, the three women reached out to one another and exploded into talk, at first bubbling, then remembering, reflecting. Others with links to their past listened.

Le Couret, their haven until the Germans took over that part of France, was uppermost in their minds. A converted manor with wide lawns and fruit trees, it was operated by Organisation au Secours des Enfants (OSE), a Jewish service group which helps children to this day. OSE was assisted wherever possible by the Joint Distribution Committee and various underground cells.

The home was Orthodox. Inge recalled that on Shabbat, the girls were not permitted to walk beyond the perimeter of the property and they were forbidden to eat even the fruit which had fallen from the trees to the ground. "That would have been work," she said. Eva talked about their schooling, somewhat makeshift but well-intentioned. "We had a Russian refugee woman who taught us sewing. And we were just beginning to learn shorthand."

They brought out black and white pictures — pathetically few — a postcard of Le Couret, tall and stately against the sky, and cherished snapshots of themselves and the other youngsters. There is one of Inge and her sister Edith, who died in 1984. Hanna's sister Susan was with her in the home as well, and Eva's sister Rivkeh. But many girls were completely separated from family, sent away by parents desperate to give them a chance at life, or bartered out of the Gurs and Rivesaltes deportation camps by American Quakers. Ask Eva about her mother and father and she answers with one word, "Auschwitz." The camp also claimed Hanna's parents. Inge's mother and father both managed to live through the Holocaust.

As the Germans approached the Limoges area, they circulated word that the older girls would be reunited with their parents, but this was highly suspect. To save the teens, OSE placed them under assumed French names as domestics in neighborhood homes, special boarding schools and convents.

Inge Rosenthal became Yvette Romer and Hanna Moses was known as Anne-Marie Mourer. "Because we

were so young and afraid of forgetting our true identity, we tried to take names which sounded like our own, or had the same meaning," said Eva, whose surname Tuchschnider (Draper) was changed to Drapier. Inge, fluent in French, totally suppressed her German, actually losing the language for several years. "I just couldn't remember," she said.

Just before the Germans closed in, OSE, with help from Jewish and other underground sources, spirited the older girls and many of the children still living at Le Couret to Grenoble and then smuggled them across the border to Switzerland. Some had to be left behind.

As Hanna, Inge and Eva look at their pictures, they point out the various faces and give them names. "Look, here's Trautchen. She married a man from Scotland and nobody's heard from her since! Ellen didn't make it. She was deported. That's Lizzi. She lives in Boston, or Cambridge, married to a professor."

Hanna's sister made aliyah to Israel and became an El Al airline hostess. She is now retired and married in Switzerland.

Eva, Rivkeh and a third sister who had been hidden elsewhere all went to Israel. A brother lives in New York. Their youngest sister died with her parents in Auschwitz. Eva met her husband Laslo in Israel and they later came to Canada.

Inge and Edith were reunited with their parents in England and they all immigrated to this country.

Some years after the war, Hanna contacted the family which had employed her in France. She discovered that the man of the household had been with the French Resistance.

Award of medals ignites protest

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress has called on Jewish community organizations and congregations to join in protesting the awarding of the Canada 125 medal to columnist Doug Collins, former editor Noel Wright and publisher Peter Speck of the *North Shore News*, published in North Vancouver.

A campaign for the federal government to recall the medals, issued in honor of the country's 125th birthday, was launched by the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism (BCOFR), a coalition of racial groups of which Congress' Pacific region is a member.

BCOFR is circulating a petition to Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn claiming that the newspaper "publishes and distributes material in North Vancouver which demeans, degrades and maligns minority ethnic groups, First Nations, people of color, physically challenged individuals, gays and lesbians."

The medals were presented earlier this year by MP Chuck Cook on behalf of the federal government. Cook has since died.

North Shore News is a tabloid community newspaper which comes out several times a week. At one time it was published daily when the Vancouver newspapers were on strike.

The petition states that awarding the medal to Collins, Speck and Wright is "offensive and an insult to all Canadians." The petition alleges that material published in the *North Shore News* "is in direct conflict with the principles of multiculturalism and the struggle to address sexism and increase the tolerance of differences in Canadian society. We therefore ask you to revoke the awards to Collins, Speck and Wright."

The Canada 125 medal was awarded to Canadians "who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, to their community or to Canada." The BCOFR says it's a travesty to claim that Collins has worked to improve North Vancouver

for all the residents.

"He promotes individuals at the forefront of the Holocaust denial movement, a movement intended not only to deny the horrors of the Holocaust and to minimize the threat of Nazism, but to promote anti-Semitism through a bizarre and irrational conspiracy theory," the petition states.

In a July 26 open letter to the Jewish community, Congress' regional chair Renee Switzer Bellas points out that the medal was awarded to many well-deserving Canadians and amongst the recipients were a number of members of the B.C. Jewish community. "Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region protests the deficiency in the process of granting awards to recipients unworthy of this distinguished recognition such as Collins, Speck and Wright."

All those supporting the campaign to recall the medals are asked to sign the petition and also send a letter to their local MP, says Switzer Bellas.

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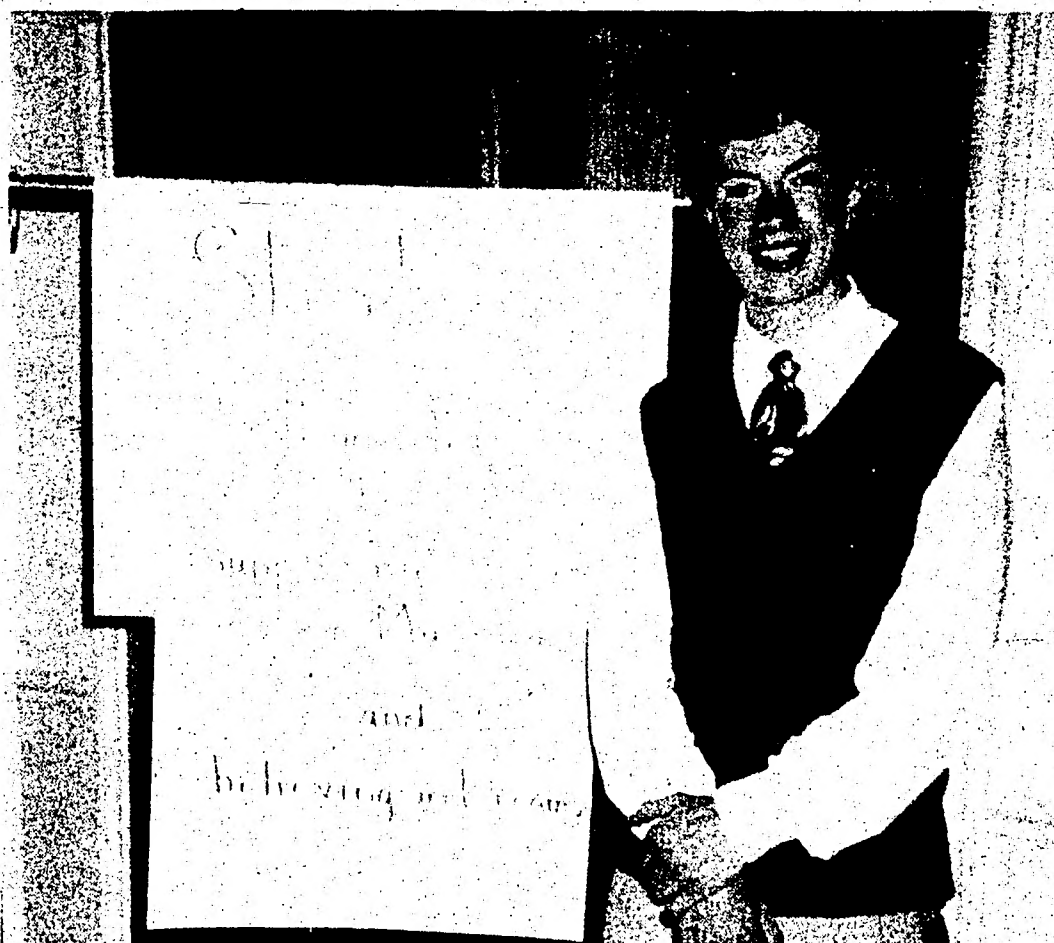
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Leif Loberg poses beside a sign at his Evening in Israel held recently in Bracebridge.

Eggmobile transports Leif Loberg to Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT

BRACEBRIDGE — When as a high school student Leif Loberg designed a wind-up device to transport an egg, little did he imagine that his creation, based on high school physics principles, would wind up transporting him to Israel.

Loberg's "eggmobile" won him first prize in the Grade 12 and 13 category in the 1992 Canada-wide Science Fair. He also won the Arthur and Beatrice Minden scholarship which enabled him to spend four weeks at the Weizmann Institute of Science's Bessie F. Lawrence Summer Science Institute, along with 70 of his counterparts from around the world.

The experience so impressed him that he felt compelled to share it with his peers and mentors on his return. The result was An Evening in Israel, the first program to be held at the new hall of St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Bracebridge, of which Loberg is a member.

Loberg, who just finished his first year at the University of Toronto, has been interested in science since the age of 10, when he rescued an injured frog and nursed it back to health, sewing the gash in its side with a needle and thread. He hopes to study medicine and eventually specialize in neuroscience (brain and nervous system).

His time at Weizmann was "an unforgettable experience," Loberg said in a recent phone interview. He knew virtually nothing of the institute and "was surprised by the extent of the research that goes on there to improve modern conveniences," such as finding more efficient and cost-effective ways of harvesting and distributing electricity.

Loberg was assigned as a research assistant on a PhD project, working to isolate the protein which makes grapefruit bitter and eventually produce a sweet-tasting grapefruit. He is confident that the project will be successful.

His trip to Israel included a week of touring, which he recorded with the meticulous care one would expect from a scientist. For his Evening in Israel, he showed a one-hour video which he had edited down from the 10 hours he actually shot.

"I wanted to give people who had never been to Israel an experience as if they had lived there," he told *The C.J.N.* "I took them for a tour around Israel through the holy sites, to monuments, desert oases and the Dead Sea."

On display were a number of artifacts and mementos to convey the flavor of Israel, among them two dolls made by hand on a kibbutz at which Loberg stayed, a 1,900-year-old coin, a pearl necklace from the Sea of Galilee, a hand-loomed kippah, and about a dozen pictures from the Yad Vashem museum.

His presentation was well received by the 50 or so people who attended, Loberg reports. Some people asked him whether the country was war-torn or out of control. "That was not my experience at all," he says. "I would feel safe any place in Israel."

Loberg hoped that his presentation would inspire young people to "continue their pursuit of excellence in science." He didn't enter the science fair just to win the trip, he emphasizes. "I did it for the love of science, and as a result I was rewarded with the trip."

Troster gets New Jersey pulpit

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — He's back in the pulpit again.

And for Rabbi Lawrence Troster, it's a perfect fit.

After a year of part-time employment here and there, the former spiritual leader of Shaareh Haim Congregation in Richmond Hill, the first synagogue in Canada to close due to lack of funds, has found gainful work.

In mid-August, Rabbi Troster will take up his new duties at Congregation Oheb Shalom, a 700-family Conservative synagogue in South Orange, N.J.

As senior rabbi, he will lead a fully egalitarian shul, complete with adult education classes, a female chazzan and a kosher food bank.

Rabbi Troster was chosen from 30 candidates and he describes the new job as "a nice match."

"It's a very exciting and active congregation. They expect a lot from their rabbis. They wanted a scholar and I've published 13 articles on theology over the past 10 years. So I'll be doing a lot of teaching."

"It's the exact kind of congregation I was looking for."

And it could be quite secure. The synagogue had its last rabbi for 22 years; the one before was there for 32 years.

Originally located in Newark, the 135-year-old congregation moved to South Orange about 30 years ago.

Rabbi Troster, 40, and his wife, Elaine Kahn, "have many friends in the area. It's not a strange commu-

nity for us." The couple's 14-year-old twins, Sara and Rachel, will attend a nearby Solomon Schechter high school.

Born in Toronto, Rabbi Troster served at Beth Tzedec Congregation for four years until taking over at Shaareh Haim in 1986. In June 1992, after months of financial uncertainty, the shul closed its doors when it abruptly ran out of operating funds.

That was after it had struck a financial restructuring deal with its bank.

Toronto's other Conservative synagogues and United Synagogue Day School, which maintained a campus there.

But the deal fell apart and the shul became the first synagogue in the country to succumb to the recession.

Rabbi Troster says he still feels sad about what transpired. "It was a real tragedy and it didn't have to happen," he says. As for his new job, "I just can't wait to get going."

Yad Sarah benefactor

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Yad Sarah, an independent organization in Israel that provides home care services unavailable through that country's health care plan, recently received a "generous donation" from a Toronto nursing home resident.

Lea Hoffman, a member of the Chenstochover Society, made the donation in memory of her husband, Jack Hoffman, who died two years ago.

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transport for the disabled; mobile workshops; and respite care. The organization also provides orthopedic, respiratory and physiotherapy equipment.

For more information on the organization, contact Posner at (416) 221-2711.

Correction

In our July 29 issue, we reported that disabled Maccabiah athlete Daniel Heuman hails from Montreal. In fact, he resides in Willowdale, Ont.

Table tennis player Andrew Giblon reports that Dahlia Kurtz of Winnipeg teamed up with an Israeli partner to capture the bronze medal in women's doubles table tennis. Giblon was paired with Kurtz in mixed doubles competition, but the two were eliminated in the quarter-finals.

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This donation of time is not the only thing that the chapel gives to the community. The chapel is also known for its charity. Any profit made from funerals is given back into the community, in the form of tzedakah. Institutions that have benefited in the past from Steeles Memorial Chapel are schools, hospitals and synagogues, as well as the less fortunate in the community.

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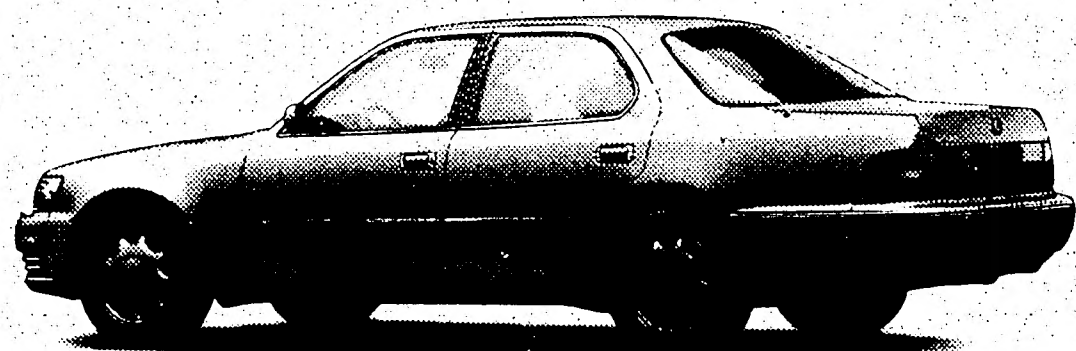
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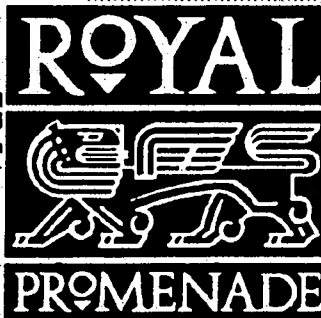
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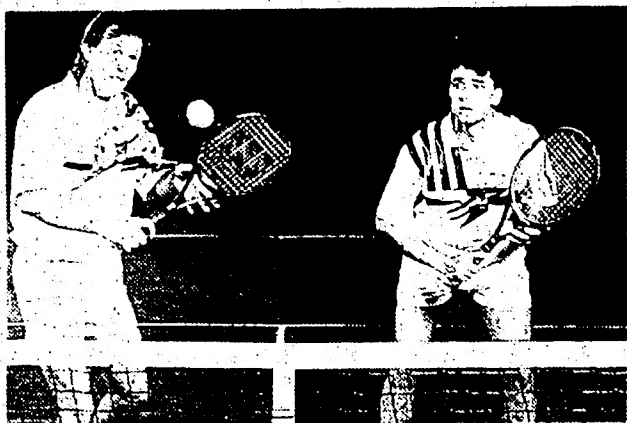
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Arts

Sharp, biting monologues

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK — Written by the gifted New York-Jewish playwright Jon Robin Baitz, *Three Hotels*, is a realization of a work that began as a 54-minute television play for PBS's *American Playhouse* series.

Re-conceived and expanded for the stage it consists of three sharp, biting monologues. Two are performed by Ron Rifkin, and the one in the middle is performed by Debra Monk. They play Kenneth and Barbara Hoyle, a couple whose marriage is disintegrating as a result of Kenneth's corrupt and dehumanizing rise to corporate power. Kenneth, a former Peace Corps worker, the only child of leftist Russian Jews, has allowed his high moralistic intentions to go awry. Familial feelings and attachments have been forfeited in favor of a ruthless climb to the penthouse suite.

Set in three hotel rooms in Morocco, St. Thomas and Mexico, the play chronicles the rise and fall of this Jewish executive, a key figure in a giant food and drug conglomerate that manufactures a dubious baby food supplement and sells it in poor African and South Ameri-

can countries. All the guilt about marketing the product is conveniently repressed by Hoyle, but his wife takes it to heart. She refers to her husband as "The Albert Speer of Baby Food." Through Baitz's skillful writing we become aware of the anguish and the high moral price paid in Ken Hoyle's ferocious pursuit of suc-

Deeper insight into less

cess. A more tangible price has been paid as well. The couple's only son was stabbed to death by Brazilian street kids who coveted his valuable watch given him by his parents.

In Barbara's keystone monologue we are given a deeper insight into the haunting loss of their son, the marriage and Ken himself. In this

speech, a cautionary lecture to fellow corporate wives, she breaks down, and in impulse and painfully honest revelations she talks about cut-throat practices of demanding corporate America and the personal toll it wreaks on executives' families. We hear the words of a lonely woman, whose ideals got lost along the way, victimized by the spiritual devastation of losing a son and a husband. Her confessional criticism leads to the ultimate downfall of her husband.

In the last monologue, a deflated and battered Kenneth sits alone in a Mexican hotel room considering the emptiness and irony of his life. To end the play he sings a Yiddish prayer to the spirit of his dead mother and son. It is left to the theatregoer's imagination as to whether the husband and wife are reconciled.

Incisive language and sharp images have created a forceful portrait of a 20-year relationship gone sour. These finely written passages are given pulsating life by the mesmerizing performance of both actors. Ron Rifkin in particular is simply marvellous: unforgettable is more like it.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Circle Rep Theatre, 99 - 7th Avenue S. For tickets call 212-924-7100.

Harold Rubin's diary recalls life in Ottawa

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — There was a type of person in our parents' generation; hearty, unashamedly proud of being Canadian and of being able to serve his country, acculturated, yet imbued with a strong feeling of Jewishness.

Such a person was Ottawa businessman and war veteran Harold Rubin. Luckily for those of us who enjoy people like Rubin, he kept a diary, *Those Pesky Weeds*.

Even luckier was that when Shirley Berman of the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society edited it (the society also published it, in 1992) she withstood the temptation to update the language and thoughts to 1990s formality.

Accordingly, the book is replete with references to "lads" rather than boys or young men, to "boys" used for soldiers, to the responsibility to serve one's country, to Canada as a land of freedom.

Rubin was one of a large Russian Jewish family (hence the term "pesky weeds") that immigrated to Canada in 1912. Those with knowledge of Ottawa will enjoy stories of the family's first homes on Cobourg Street near the streetcar barn and on small farms in Westboro and Eastview, and finally to Rideau Street, where the family had a fruit store.

This is no sociological study of the era, the place or the class. Ottawa is seen as a place of youthful adventure, picnics, pranks, camp, Scouts, horses, Luna Park and Sandy Hill. There is nary a mention of politics, trouble (except for the odd anti-Semite, who was turned into a friend by a display of manly fisticuffs), even the hardships of the Depression.

Those Pesky Weeds a generation's story

That is not to say life was perfection. In an emotional moment, Rubin recalls his mother coming to see him when he and his two brothers were confined to the Isolation Hospital with scarlet fever, then a highly contagious, not to mention highly dangerous, disease. Unaware she had been forced to return home, the boys waited for her in the sunroom while other patients ate the ice cream she had left for them.

Knowing his duty, when World War II came, Rubin enlisted, even though as a married man with a child he could have been exempted. Much of the book shows what life was like both for a Jew and a Canadian during war. He was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for his services with the Royal Canadian Air Force Bomber Command. The training and service anecdotes show that these were exciting days for Rubin.

Those Pesky Weeds is not for someone wanting history, analysis or explanation (there is not even an index, something that might have served the book well). But as the story of an individual and a member of his generation, it is superb.

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Arts

Artists' works showcased at Victoria JCC

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — For two weeks Victoria's Jewish Community Centre was transformed into an art gallery to showcase the works of 13 Jewish artists from British Columbia. All other JCC activities were suspended so the maximum number of paintings, sculptures, photographs and other artistic media could be displayed.

The show, titled Genesis '93, was the second one sponsored by the JCC. The first was held in 1991. Genesis was billed as "a celebration honoring the creative contribution of B.C. Jewish artists."

Genesis was not a presentation for Sunday painters and hobbyists. Convenor Carla Levinson and her committee selected only works by professional artists. The high calibre of the show clearly indicated it was

no amateur effort. Robert Amos, himself an artist and art critic for the *Times-Colonist* newspaper said: "Let the artists and the essential Jewishness of this show surprise you. The show is much better than the usual church-basement or fundraiser art show, and deserves your support and interest."

True, the show had a Jewish flavor, but it did not predominate. As a matter of fact, one of the paintings, *Primary Colors* by Phyllis Serota, showed a mother being crucified while her husband points out her faults and her children ignore her. This is part of a "family series" for which Serota has become known in Victoria. While there was no religious connotation to the painting, it was a little startling to see a figure on a cross in a Jewish gallery.

The highlight of the show was the kinetic art by Roland Brener, a

professor in visual arts at the University of Victoria. One of his works was a large frosted plexiglass disc. Behind it, colored lights illuminated a human form whose shadow seemed to swim on the gallery walls. Brener also showed a little glass house inside two larger houses. It was an unusual piece of work and one wonders how Brener was able to put it together without smashing it to bits.

Brener, it should be noted, was one of two Canadian artists chosen to represent Canada in the famed 1988 Venice Biennale and at the Sao Paulo Biennale in 1987. His work can be seen in the public collections of the National Gallery in Ottawa and the Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montreal.

Diana Friedman produces sculptures in raku, a clay-like fabric. Amongst the number she showed were miniature tallisim (prayer

shawls). Her work is in private collections in Japan and Europe, as well as North America. One piece was used on the set of *Star Trek — The Next Generation*, filmed in Los Angeles.

Linda Fimer's surrealist watercolor, *My Crying House*, has a distinct environmental message for the logging industry in B.C. There has been considerable protest here about logging of old trees. The large patches of clearcutting in Fimer's home area "recalled for me the destruction of our sacred Torah scrolls during the Holocaust, and our lost reverence for nature and life."

Anthony Thorn, who studied stained glass design in Paris and watercolor painting in Japan, showed the carved and gilded pieces for which he is known, and which he calls Wall Jewels. He also featured oil paintings of ferns, rhododendrons and geraniums in addition to abstract

paintings of what he terms "magical subjects." Many of the sophisticated wall jewels have a distinct religious feeling. He had 14 pieces in the show.

Adele Vernon showed a series of photographs she took during a recent visit to Israel. She uses Cibachrome, a process by which a slide is made into a print without making a negative first. Vernon says this gives more color and intensity to her pictures, evident in her presentation.

Considering the small Jewish population of Victoria, the show was very well attended by members of the Jewish and general communities. Because the items sell well, Genesis has become one of the JCC's best fundraising efforts.

Art lovers in Montreal and Toronto might enjoy an exhibition of Jewish artists from British Columbia, and such an event would be a good way to foster the unity of the Canadian Jewish community.

Film traces the lives of Jewish refugees

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In 1940, when Nazi Germany was riding high and Britain was running scared, the British government ordered the arrest of approximately 26,000 German and Austrian Jewish refugees.

Labelled "enemy aliens," 800 or more of these hapless refugees were unceremoniously shipped to Camp B in New Brunswick to be interned for the duration of World War II.

This obscure episode, which was brought to light some years ago by German-born Canadian writer Erich Koch, is the subject of Neal Livingstone's interesting 47-minute documentary, *Both Sides of the Wire*, based on a book by Ted Jones.

Composed of stills of the camp and interviews with several of the former inmates, Livingstone's film is scheduled to be broadcast on Vision TV and CBC TV this autumn.

It's downright amazing that the British authorities could have been so myopic. After all, German and Austrian Jews were the least likely pro-Nazi candidates. They

Quite soon, however, Canada realized that the Jewish prisoners were anything but potential spies and fifth columnists. By the end of 1943, they had all been released, free to pursue their lives without hindrance. Most returned to their studies, but one internee joined the Canadian army, after the Senate passed an Order in Council, and another one helped Canada build the Mosquito bomber.

Humane treatment

Both Sides of the Wire, which is punctuated by a haunting Leonard Cohen song entitled *Who By Fire*, visits the refugees in their homes in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Fredericton, Britain and Holland.

Erwin Schild, a Toronto rabbi, recalls being told he'd be back home soon. Two of the ex-internees return to Camp B, now choked by weeds and brush. A third refugee remembers how French Canadian civilians in Quebec City hissed and threw stones at the internees, thinking they were German POWs.

Although they were held behind barbed wire and isolated from the rest of the world, they were treated humanely. There were plays and recitals; there was Austrian pastry and sufficient quantities of maple syrup, which several of the refugees, unknowingly, drank like soda pop.

The majority of the internees settled in Canada, where they made good. In their ranks are doctors, professors, scientists and five recipients of the Order of Canada.

To think that they were once under a cloud of suspicion boggles the mind.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Denying The Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth & Memory by Deborah E. Lipstadt (Free Press \$22.95 U.S.)

Did the Holocaust really happen? A recent poll, cited in *The Times of London*, revealed that 22 percent of adults in the U.S. believe that it is possible that the Holocaust never happened; and additional 12 percent just aren't sure.

This widespread and shocking ignorance is fertile ground for anti-Semitism. Indeed, Holocaust denial is now probably the commonest form of anti-Semitism in North America and Europe. Once dismissed as a lunatic fringe, historical revisionists have grown in numbers and influence. They are unceasing in their efforts.

An organization called The Institute for Historical Research, a vicious, well-financed, pseudo-scientific group disseminates misinformation like the following: "Each year a foreign government literally steals millions of dollars from you and other U.S. taxpayers. The thief is the corrupt, bankrupt government of Israel . . . And the theft is per-

petrated primarily through the clever use of the greatest lie in all history — the lies of the Holocaust." The institute's publication, *Spotlight*, claims a circulation of 350,000.

In 1979, the Institute called together a number of hate groups in Los Angeles for the first "Revisionist Convention." Since then the problem has worsened as politicians like David Duke, academics like Leonard Jeffries and a host of lesser known figures — and a spectrum of hate publications — have spread the canard that the Holocaust is a hoax.

Paul Johnson, the eminent British historian, describes the deniers this way: "Some say that the Holocaust was a fabrication from start to finish. Others, such as President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, claim that the numbers of Jews killed has been hugely and deliberately exaggerated: Tudjman insists that only 900,000 Jews died. Other produce scientific evidence" that Jews who died in the camps could not have been killed in the way historians and war crimes tribunals have asserted. In particular they say that Zyklon-B gas was inappropriate as a homicidal agent."

Lipstadt, who teaches at Emory University, has produced a documented history of Holocaust denial. She shows overwhelmingly that the purveyors of the nonsense are longtime, well-known anti-Semites, cranks and fanatics whose sentiments and propaganda existed long before

any so-called scientific interest in the Holocaust.

What especially troubles the author is the openness of college students — often ready to overturn accepted truths and values in an orgy of reconstruction — to the outrageous untruths. She details the efforts of a California revisionist who successfully pushed the notion of the Holocaust as a hoax in college newspapers throughout the United States. "The responses to Holocaust denial by both students and faculty graphically demonstrate the susceptibility of an educated and privileged segment to the kind of reasoning that creates a hospitable climate for the rewriting of history," she writes.

Lipstadt persuasively argues against giving the deniers a forum in the name of free speech or freedom of the press. To do so is to present both opportunity and ammunition to the enemy. She believes some truths should be beyond discussion and argumentation.

Having recently returned from a visit to the concentration camp at Terezin, I must admit to feelings of despair at the forgetfulness, purblindness and irrationality of human beings.

This book is important, not only because it clearly presents the history and dangers of an aberration, but also because it is a useful reference manual to rebut the neo-Nazis and their ilk.

Xenophobia, desperation

had been driven out of their homelands by Hitler and harbored a deep animosity against Nazi Germany (which annexed Austria).

But such was the xenophobia and desperation of Britain and its willing accomplice, Canada, that anything was possible in those dark days of 1940.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

CJN reporter Paul Lungen recently visited four European countries. I know you probably don't care, but here are some of his views and pet peeves from the trip.

Amsterdam's ultra-modern Schiphol Airport is full of people from all around the world milling about, and considering the traffic, you'd expect security would be a high priority.

But on two separate occasions, passport control just waved me through, without asking to see my documents. There was no security check when entering the airport from the train line, that links the airport and the city.

Europeans — the Dutch, Austrians, Hungarians and Slovenians — haven't seemed to get the message that smoking is bad for your health. Everywhere you go, it seems people are smoking like chimneys, in far greater numbers than in North America. Most restaurants and other public facilities I visited did not offer no-smoking areas.

Bicycles are everywhere in Amsterdam, but not the six, 10, 12 or 18-speed racers and mountain bikes you see in Toronto. In Holland, the streets are full of old-style, one-speed coasters, with bulbous tires, upright handlebars, rusted fenders, lights fitted on generators that get their power from the turning rear wheel. No bike, it seems, is too dilapidated to get on the road.

Residents of Amsterdam still haven't gotten the idea of curbing their pets. There are piles of doggie doo everywhere and smears of it where some poor shlemiel didn't notice where he (or she) was going.

Some diner-style restaurants in Amsterdam still serve delicious frites (french fries) with mayo, though the mayonnaise concoction (which has mustard as a key ingredient) isn't quite as good as I remember it from 12 or 13 years ago.

There must have been a sale on fluorescent, lime-green paint in Hungary, because numerous cars, trucks and vans in the capital of Budapest sport the unusual color.

Taxis, I was told before I left for Budapest, are relatively cheap — only about \$1.50 for a 10-minute ride.

Wrong. Prices are more along the lines you'd find in Toronto. But not to worry. There's a cost effective alternative — public transportation.

Budapest is criss-crossed with numerous bus, tram and subway lines that can get you anywhere, though you might have to transfer once or twice. And there's an added bonus. The price is right — it's free!

Actually, technically speaking, you do have to purchase some tickets. I bought a package of five for use on the Metro (subway), but when I got to the underground, there was no turnstile to enter, no attendant requesting a ticket. On buses and trams (streetcars), it's the same story. You get on and off, and nobody says a word.

What a great country — but certainly some people may take advantage. Anybody need five subway/bus tickets, real cheap?

Budapest is a modern, Western city, though somewhat the worse for wear after 40 years of communism. The 19th century architecture is beautiful, but many buildings are in a sad state of disrepair, with plaster peeling, and pollution taking its toll on masonry.

There's food aplenty in the shops and sidewalk vendors hawk the latest American hip-hop club music cassettes.

But there are still vestiges of a more backward, rural past. As I was boarding the KLM flight from Amsterdam to Budapest, I noticed an unusual passenger. A toothless old woman was wearing a babushka, a peasant dress and an apron that owed more to farm-living than hippie-revivalism.

Her apron intrigued me. Did she think she had to cook some goulash for the passengers to pay her way? But the woman did make a concession to modernity. Her carry-on luggage was a modern, plastic gym bag. What a sight.

Although Vienna is an attractive city, with charming outdoor cafes set in the shadow of medieval Gothic cathedrals, an unfortunate incident cast a bit of a pall on my recent visit there.

Outside a large record store in a busy commercial street, a young woman in her 20s had set up a table with a variety of books for sale. The title of one of them caught my eye — *Haider's Kampf*. After

perusing it's German-language index, with entries on national socialism and the like, I asked the young woman if Haider was a Nazi. Yes, she said, with a bit of a shrug, as if selling books by Nazis was the most natural thing in the world.

Adding to my unease in Vienna was the sight of a policeman carrying a sub-machine gun posted in the Jewish street. He was there to protect against incidents of Arab terrorism. I was told.

Coffee shops, er, cafes, are everywhere in Europe and for good reason. The quality of the average cup of coffee is excellent and each cup is a production unto itself, something that is reflected in the price. One thing they haven't heard about (other than Tim Horton Donuts) is the bottomless cup. You've got to take out a mortgage for every refill. But what could be better than sipping a fresh-brewed cup of coffee in an open-air plaza in the shadow of a splendid Gothic cathedral?



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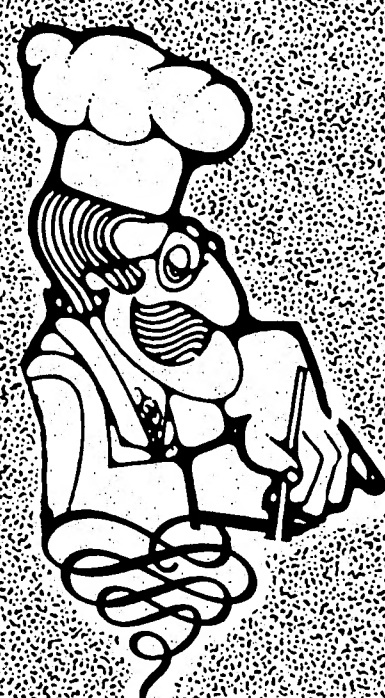
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In an industry known for instability and high turnover, the Sports Clubs of Canada (SCC) has a 19-year track-record of growth and success.

This summer, the owners of SCC, Michael Levy and Jay Kell, will open their seventh facility, The Plaza Club on Yonge Street, in the heart of the downtown business district.

The company's short term plans include additional expansion in the Toronto area with the possibility of clubs opening in the High Park and Markham districts within the next three years.

CJN Features Editor Stephanie Chapman spoke to Michael Levy in their Toronto headquarters.

CJN: You left your accounting/financial career to open a business that is faced with a lot of tough competition. At the time that you started, what made you think that you would be able to succeed?

Levy: In 1973, when I first decided this was a business that I wanted to be involved with there was not much competition. There were very exclusive, private clubs but no one had developed a recreational facility that would work for everyone. I guess, like anyone else, if you could have foreseen the future and known how difficult the business was going to be, you probably would have thought very differently. But at the time and at my age, it never occurred to me that it would be anything but a success.

CJN: Who did you gear your first club to?

Levy: We went into an unusual market. When I first got involved in the business, the demographics in Toronto in the early 70s were such that the biggest growth area and the wealthiest community in Canada was Mississauga. The people were young, up-and-coming families — they were the young accountants, lawyers, doctors and managers. We looked at the family market and the then burgeoning corporate market.

There were no private tennis clubs in those days, and what we built, which is very different from what we offer today, was primarily a tennis club with eight indoor courts, six outdoor courts, a swimming pool, a small fitness area, a small daycare and a little snack bar. Our primary interest was the tennis program.

CJN: With your first club, what sort of difficulties did you face?

Levy: We got into the business in a very strange way. I opened my own accounting consulting practice and at the time I associated with a rather large local firm (for technical support). One of the senior partners was interested in what I was talking about and he had a client who was a tennis nut. He introduced me to the client on a Friday afternoon. We talked and the client agreed that it was a great idea and asked us to do a prospectus on it.

I went home over the weekend, and with this friend, we sat and hand-wrote a prospectus. We walked into his office Monday morning, handed him the prospectus and talked for about an hour. He called me Tuesday afternoon and said 'Let's do it.' And that's how we started.

Was it easy? No. Everything we thought would work, didn't. Our understanding of how to market a recreational facility was totally wrong. We didn't do enough homework and that was the biggest problem.

However, about seven months after opening, we were up to about 800 members and after 12 months, we had 1200 memberships. We were successful on an operating basis.

Unfortunately, we had some difficulty with our operating partner who went into the business too quickly and became very nervous when interest rates were skyrocketing. We had a disagreement — he bought us out. But we went on. It was a good background to learn what does and doesn't work and how to market these facilities.

CJN: How have your clubs managed to stay afloat and make a profit, while others have failed?

The technology part of our business is important, because we're in the hi-tech business, but more importantly, we're in the hi-touch business. Jay and I firmly believe that we provide what we call a 'third-home concept' where we integrate our members into the programs and listen to their needs.

We have member's advisory boards at all our clubs and other than in the financial matters, if our members feel that something is important, unless we have our professionals tell us that they are completely wrong, we'll go that way because it's what the market wants not what we want that's important.

second and third floor and it has windows throughout, which means the gym is completely lit by natural daylight. This is a unique concept in clubs. We call it The Plaza Club just because all our facilities are named after the streets they are on.

We're doing something we've never done before and that's a club with no courts and no restaurant. We felt that the northeast quadrant of the downtown was not serviced by clubs and there was a niche for what we wanted to do.

So we have opened up what we call 'the shape of things to come' and it's a simplified approach to fitness. What we put into the club is everything that would service a member's fitness needs quickly, with wonderful comfort but stripping away those things that may not be necessary from the member's point of view.

It targets the downtown business crowd — people who don't have a lot of time. We don't want any hassles with equipment so we have 60 per cent more equipment than we have in our biggest club so that people can get in and out. The cardio vascular equipment is the biggest thing today so there will be over 50 pieces — such as stair climbers, treadmills and lifecycles — so there should be no line-ups even at the busy times.

We're also building our second spa so what Faith Popcorn called the 'cocooning effect', the small pleasures people are looking for, we're able to provide fully in one environment. Jay says something that is true. "If we sweat the small details, the rest of it will look after itself." And, it's all the little things — the artwork that you put into the club, the security lockers — we just tried to take all the 'ouches' that our members have told us about and eliminated them.

CJN: Can you give me an estimate of what your initial investment is?

Levy: About \$1.8 million.

CJN: Given that amount of money wouldn't you choose to invest in something a little safer?

Levy: We really believe that this isn't a risky investment. We believe that fitness and recreation is going to be one of the important trends of the '90s. If you look at the demographics, the baby boomers are now 38-39. When you're in your 20s and early 30s, you can kid yourself about the shape you're in but you hit 40 — I think the crisis of 40 is not that you feel you're aging but you realize that the elasticity you had, the ability to recuperate quickly, is gone. I don't think fitness was ever a fad, but it certainly isn't now no matter what age you are.

The results of fitness, something we've been teaching for 19 years, are now becoming commonly well-known. If you lay aside the physical benefits, like heart disease and cancer and all the other disabilities that fitness is known to stave off, the most important thing we all get is only one life. This isn't a practice exercise but unfortunately, most of us don't realize this until we're in our mid-40s.

We also have a growing population of seniors. The proof of fitness is that it doesn't matter your age so if we can get people in their 70s, 80s, and 90s lifting weights and walking, their quality of life is going to be so much better.

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Levy: We have a corporate culture that was developed by my partner Jay Kell. This corporate culture has 12 factors that go into developing the success of a club which I won't go into in detail. But the last thing we ever look at is profit. If we do the first 11 things right, profits drop out of the bottom.

Our philosophy can be summed up very simply — we use an acronym — and we call it SOCME, which stands for Service Our Club Members Excellently. It stands for the way we treat our team members, which is setting goals, observing performance, coaching, measuring and motivation and evaluation. We run the business properly by re-investing in the business year after year after year.

How we've stayed afloat as we finish our 19th year? I think we always took a very long-term view of the business. Jay and I both believe that this is the only career that either of us wants to have our entire working lives. If that's going to be it, you'd better love what you do and you'd better have real pride in what you do. When I met Jay 11 years ago, we both believed in the same thing — never, ever be embarrassed by one of our facilities.

CJN: When and where is your next club to open?

Levy: We are opening a club August 25 in a building called 100 Yonge St. Scotia Plaza. We're very excited about the location. It's on the

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Diversification helps architect weather tough times

By PAUL LUNGEN



Architect Tony Reich (second from left) stands over a model for the Toby and Henry Battle, Sarah and Miriam Developmental Centre. With him are members of the centre's design committee, from left: Susan Roher, Larry Ginsberg and Rob Berkovitz.

Top service at Air Canada

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — This past June, a mission of Canadian Jewish journalists travelled to Switzerland on a direct Toronto to Zurich flight, courtesy of Air Canada. The flight was great in every way, and...

Hold it, you say. Are you sure you are talking about Air Canada? You bet, I answer, remembering the efficient airport and on board service, the smooth, comfortable flight, the kosher meals that were not only there for us but were served with the same panache as regular meals, and the spacious 767 aircraft that we flew in.

And no, all these positive attributes were not only because we were media types who they wanted to impress. The same considerate service was offered to other passengers: the woman with the baby, who was accommodated at the front of first class; the bad-tempered couple who were treated with exemplary equanimity; the elderly man who was offered a front seat so he could stretch his legs.

Jeffrey Beck, now manager, marketing programs and cargo communications, accompanied the mission for part of the trip in his capacity as marketing product manager for California, Florida and continental Europe. He is proud of Air Canada's many improvements and new programs.

Air Canada has been investing heavily in staff training as well as in airplane specifications. For instance, he said, it is the first airline in Canada to offer seat-back phones.

Meals have been upgraded, and customized. Flights to German areas include such specialties as air dried beef, beers, and German papers.

Thirty-one-year-old Beck, a graduate of Concordia University in Montreal, has been involved in many of the new programs of which Air Canada is so proud. He worked on establishing satellite airports, such as Air Canada Rapidair, which, through Air Canada subsidiary Air Ontario, provides service out of Toronto Island.

The "Freedom Flyer" program is for those 60 and over. It offers multiple stops, or coupons allowing a few different trips at different times; a 10 percent discount, travel and medical insurance; hotel discounts; Japan Camera coupons; even a travel companion special, where a companion (travelling on the same schedule and flight) gets the same reduced fare and discounts.

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Beck explained that, while Air Canada has landing rights in Israel, at the moment it does not fly directly to Ben-Gurion Airport. This situation may, of course, change with sufficient demand.

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TORONTO — Somewhere the economy is booming, construction is proceeding at a hectic pace and building companies can't keep up with demand.

It's the same place, no doubt, where the sky is always blue, where apple pies are cooling on windowsills and where cleancut kids always bring home straight 'A's on their report cards.

But in Toronto in mid-1993, times are tough, especially for those in the design business. Architect Tony Reich, a British transplant who opened his own firm in 1981, says "competition is fierce. It's worse than it's ever been. It's frightful in Ontario."

One recent project, floated by the Ministry of Transport, attracted almost 100 bids, he said.

Large firms are bidding for the work once done by medium-sized outfits, and the mid-sized companies are bidding on work usually tackled by small firms.

Developers who used to consistently feed work to particular architects are showing less loyalty than they once did and many architects, concerned over making ends meet, have packed up their drafting tables and extra-fine markers and moved to greener pastures in Vancouver and Calgary.

For Reich, the president and a principal at Reich + Petch Architects, diversification has proven to be the key to riding out these troubled times. Even before the recession hit with all its fury, the firm had diffused its focus into three different areas: exhibit

designs; housing; and corporate office interiors.

"It was a conscious decision," Reich said. "It came about because we had varied backgrounds and lots of expertise in these three areas."

Reich + Petch, which employs 20 architects, interior designers and technologists, seems to have found a niche in the exhibition end of the practice. The firm won a bid to design the Ontario exhibit, which was part of the Canadian pavilion at the 1992 World's Fair in Seville, Spain.

Featuring flowing water in man-made channels and a backdrop of Niagara Falls, the project was designed to showcase Ontario resources and natural beauty. A virtual reality display that allowed people to make "snowballs" and hurl them against opponents on a large screen was very popular, as was a miniature version of the Canadarm that NASA makes use of.

The popular success of the Ontario display — especially its "touchy-feely" aspect — no doubt played a part in landing Reich + Petch the contract to design the Canadian pavilion at the Taejon, Korea World's Fair that will debut in August.

Reich said that unlike the Seville pavilion, the idea behind this year's design is to portray Canada as an integrated whole, and not as separate, independent provinces. With Pacific Rim commerce a consideration, the pavilion also had to showcase Canada as a highly-developed trading country that was a leader in such areas as telecommunications and aerospace.

As is expected at World's Fairs, exhibits have to have a "block-

buster" element to them to be successful, Reich, a native of Stratford-on-Avon, said.

For Korea, "we came up with a simulator theatre" modeled on the popular Tour of the Universe show in the CN Tower. One hundred people at a time will be able to enjoy the show, which is like a theme park ride and really gets the adrenaline going, he said.

When he isn't designing hightech, new frontier pavilions, Reich + Petch focuses on the more micro level of home design. For the past two years, the firm has done renovation work for the Reena Foundation, including the retrofit of a 10-unit apartment building on Wilson Avenue.

Reich + Petch are also architects for the Toby and Henry Battle Centre in Vaughan, which is a drop-in centre cum community centre for the developmentally challenged. The project will include music and craft rooms, a gym, cafeteria and a greenhouse. "It's going to be a state of the art centre" when it opens in mid-to late-1994, he said.

Plaut Manor, Holy Blossom's non-profit 99-unit housing facility, was also designed by the firm.

On the corporate side of things, the firm has won a bid to design the Ministry of Natural Resources building in Peterborough and it designed Sporting Life's bike store on Yonge.

What the firm's designs have in common is their uniqueness. "They should speak the language of the use and the character of that use," Reich said. "We distinguish ourselves by trying to create an overall environment that reflects the nature of the place."

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CJN: In many health clubs, many owners find that members are eager and faithful when they first sign up but in the long term there are many drop-outs. Is this true of your clubs and how do you combat it?

Levy: It's true of all clubs. The most difficult thing to do is integrate the new member. We only retain about 70 percent of our members but a club without an integration program will only keep 20 percent. One of the reasons we are so successful is that we make member integration one of our primary goals.

We have 90 days to get you working out in our clubs properly or we're going to lose you. If we don't get you involved, that's our failure, not yours. If we don't make this club a place where you feel comfortable, accepted and wanted, what do you need us for?

Right now, Jay is developing a videotape that offers an introduction to aerobics, circuit training and cardio vascular training. When you join it's given as part of the member integration package. It will show you all about the club's facilities. The member's advisory committee,

as one of their functions, is to be coaches in the club.

You want to feel you belong when you join a club; like this is a home for you. You have enough stress in your life without having to walk into a club and feel like everyone is staring at you. That's why we succeed. Jay and I believe that if we make you feel comfortable, you'll be here.

CJN: Health clubs, overall, seem to have attracted a bad reputation what with financial rip-offs due to closing, etc. Why does this happen and what are your feelings on this issue?

Levy: I hate the fly-by-nights — the people who are in it for this month's profit, not next year's. We were instrumental in getting the pre-paid services bill passed (Bill C-26) which was necessary because people were selling three and five and life-time memberships. For \$400 you could get a lifetime membership at a club . . . there is no way!

Our memberships run \$60, \$80, \$90 a month and I need that to provide the quality of services. You cannot provide a lifetime membership for \$400 and anyone who says they can, is lying to you. I don't believe you can offer a service for \$9.95 or \$19.95 a month because you have to give up something, whether it's repairs and maintenance, integration and retention.

If you're charging someone \$19.95 a month, two things are going to happen. One, you're not going to get any service for it, and two, they've got to sell, sell, sell.

I don't think our industry is alone because there are lots of fly-by-nighters in every industry, but the difference is that ours is more visible. A club closes and you've got hundreds of people who have been ripped-off. The only thing I can advise is for people to be very careful when they choose a club.

CJN: Can you outline some of the more obvious fitness trends that have happened over the years?

Levy: We started the business in 1973 when fitness was racquets — it was tennis and squash. By the mid to late '70s, 20 percent of the business was an introduction to nautilus equipment, the universal machine and free weights. And no aerobics. Jane Fonda did more for aerobics in two years than the entire exercise association had done in the last 30. By 1982, with aerobics on the upswing, fitness became 50 percent of our business and this meant women became an integral part of the business.

After aerobics arrived, the benefits of fitness started being promoted. During the early '80s, the aerobics that were offered were high intensity. However, the no pain, no gain philosophy was modified because people couldn't keep up that intensity. Low impact classes and cross-training was introduced I suppose to keep people interested in their workouts.

Next the cardio equipment came in, like the lifecycles and treadmills. The trend now is cross-training but that's not to say that aerobics aren't big, they're huge. High intensity aerobics is a very small portion while low impact is very responsive. The step classes now are the biggest thing going. We run aquatic programs which appeal to people who don't have a high level of fitness or who have joint problems because the water does support you.

By the end of the '80s, the clubs introduced daycare to accommodate the yuppies that were having children. Then we realized that by the early '90s, kids programs would be crucial so now we run complete kid fit programs.

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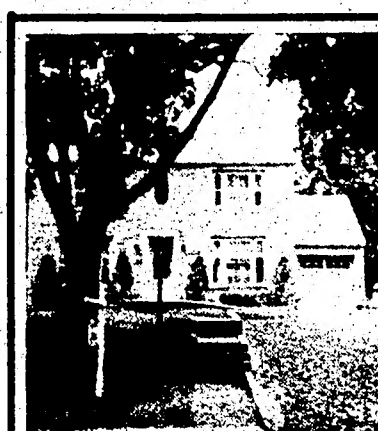
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Love in the afternoon. Businessman, semi-retired, 5'6", in his 60's, would like to meet intelligent, attractive, loving and lovable lively lady 48-56, for long term relationship. Please reply with Toronto phone number to Box 5942 C.J.N.

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Very attractive, articulate, cuddly, cultured, demonstrative, educated, fit, gregarious, non-kosher, professional, well groomed, 38, 5'10", 155lbs., black hair (a few grey), brown eyes, dark complexion, clean shaven, good teeth (all my own). Mom says "tall, dark and handsome". Secretary says "very presentable and eligible", with own home and successful career, seeks elegant, independent, non-smoking, professional, refined, sexy, single, successful woman 25-37, preferably with med/long black hair, sparkle in her eyes, fit and slim, with an occasional naughty side. Interests: Black tie, boating, cooking, dining out, downhill skiing, family, friends, jeans, movies, opera, racket sports, skating, snuggling, theatre. Detailed letter and photo (or an accurate description) appreciated. Utmost discretion assured. Reply to Box 5930 C.J.N., 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAKE NOTICE that Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation has filed for approval with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations-Cemeteries Branch, pursuant to The Cemeteries Act (Revised) a bylaw for the operation of its cemeteries, including sale of Interment Rights.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES may inspect the proposed bylaw and make copies of it at the office of the Congregation, 55 Yeomans Road, City of North York, Ontario.

THE PROPOSED BYLAW is subject to the approval of the Registrar appointed pursuant to the Cemeteries Act (Revised).

DATED at the City of North York, July 26, 1993.

330 OBITUARIES

Norman Bornstein on July 12/93, late of 1555 Finch Avenue East #803

Harry Pearlstein on July 12/93, late of 4266 Bathurst Street #804

Sally Krymalowski on July 10/93, late of 52 George Street

Avril Machanik on July 2/93, late of 77 Davisville Avenue #2508

Albert Levovitz on July 14/93, late of 55 Anwar Avenue #417

Esther Auerbach on July 15/93, late of Extendercare Park Road

Moses Shuster on July 16/93, late of 4455 Bathurst Street #722

Lou Freedman on July 17/93, late of 1309 Wilson Avenue #608

Idell Melzer on July 18/93, late of 494 Avenue Road #25

Bryna Mann on July 21/93, late of 1035 Eglinton Avenue

Bella Freedman on July 20/93, late of 5720 Cavendish Blvd. #1009

Harvey Wallet on July 21/93, late of 24 Bickerton Cres.

Mary Langer on July 21/93, late of 2121 Bathurst Street #617

Morris Waxman on July 21/93, late of 28 Acton Avenue

Clara Steinberg on July 21/93, late of 8 McKillop Court

Annie Lieberman on July 22/93, late of 11 Goldfinch Crt. #405

David Feldstein on July 23/93, late of 4266 Bathurst Street #214

A. Lou Copeland on July 24/93, late of 9 Peveril Hill South

Irving Pribag on July 23/93, late of RR #3 Coldwater

Max Wyman on July 24/93, late of 5444 Yonge Street #502

Sonia Nisenboim on July 25/93, late of 1 Canyon Avenue 101

Carlyle Krieger on July 25/93, late of 224 Coldstream Avenue

Jaakov Toporek on July 26/93, late of 65 Skymark Drive 2403

Erwin Greenspoon on July 26/93, late of 46 Glenarden Road

Robert Spivak on July 26/93, late of 2060 Corydon Avenue

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Nellie Small on July 27/93, late of 795 Sheppard Avenue West

Rose Smith on July 27/93, late of 39 Baronia Court

Lillian Marrus on July 28/93, late of 240 Heath Street West #1202

Joseph Ross on July 28/93, late of 24 Gorman Park Road

Leo Sussman on July 29/93, late of 44 Charles Street West #4504

Yettie Socransky on July 28/93, late of 18 Gilgorn Road

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL**335 UNVEILINGS**

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

ADELE TURK

will take place
Sunday, August 22nd
10:45 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

Shalom Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

DORA FREEDMAN

will take place
Sunday, August 15th, 10:30 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

Sholomo Amunai Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

Bernard Gruszko

will take place
Friday, August 13th, at 11:00 a.m.

Mount Sinai Memorial Park

Beth Shalom Section

Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

PHILIP LEVINE

will take place
Sunday, August 15th
11:00 a.m.

Pardes Shalom Cemetery

Community Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

Sylvia Menkes Wolfman

will take place
Sunday, August 15th
2:00 p.m.

Dawes Road Cemetery

First Narayevy Congregation Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

EUGEN MULLER

will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

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The first national museum devoted to American Jewry and the only museum dedicated to telling the story of Jewish participation in the growth and development of North and South America can be found in Philadelphia. The National Museum of American Jewish History, located in the heart of the nation's most historic square mile near the Liberty Bell, was founded in 1976. Exhibits focus on the participation of American Jews in the social, cultural, economic and political life of the nation from 1654 to present.

Another museum of special interest to the Jewish community is The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies. The Balch focuses on the history of immigration of all ethnic cultures in the United States. The museum's research library has an extensive Yiddish collection and it is the home of the Jewish Archive Center.

The Philadelphia Museum of Judaica at Congregation Rodeph Shalom is nationally recognized for exhibits of contemporary Jewish art and history. The collection at the Rosenbach Museum and Library includes the first Haggadah printed in America and the Temple Judea Museum of Knesset Israel has changing exhibits of Judaica and Jewish art. The Borowsky Gallery and Fred Wolf Jr. Gallery at the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia and the Holocaust Awareness Museum at Gratz College are all worth visiting.

There is also an abundance of Jewish events. Each year the Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association sponsors the critically-acclaimed Jewish Film Festival. The series of Philadelphia and American premieres feature films from many countries. Other noteworthy events include a Jewish Book Fair, and performances by Theatre Ariel, which was created to foster community and individual awareness of the social, political, cultural and spiritual history of the Jewish people.

In addition to supporting these and many other cultural attractions, Philadelphia's thriving Jewish community has a deep respect for its heritage. Many historical sights, dating back to the beginnings of the city and the country, can be visited including Mikveh Israel Cemetery. And early Jewish settlers played a role in the formation of the country, making the nation's most revered sights, including the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, historically significant from a Jewish perspective.

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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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330 OBITUARIES

FENSON, Shirley
Peacefully at home, on Saturday, July 31, 1993. Shirley, very beloved wife of Leo. Dear mother and mother in law of Mark and Robyn Fenson and Karen and Joey Weinberg. Loving Bubbie of Andrea and Jessica Fenson and Lorne, Alana and Corey Weinberg. Survived by her sister Doris and her husband Stan Smordin. Sadly missed by her brothers in law and sisters in law Morley and Shiffie Fenson and Harry and Anita Fenson. A funeral service was held Monday August 2nd at 11 am from Steele's Memorial Chapel. Interment took place at Pardes Shalom Cemetery-Beth David Section. Donations may be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund at Beth David or the Canadian Cancer Society. Shirley will be sadly missed by all of those who know her.

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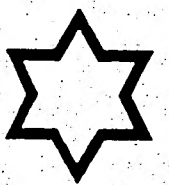
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